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SUPREME COUNCIL 33°

Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada

Vision and Mission Statements

**Vision Statement**

Scottish Rite Freemasonry in Canada must be an organization that is well managed by highly motivated men with vision and leadership skills, which is attractive to interested Masons of good character, is well understood, is embraced by the family, and makes a positive impact on the quality of life through the reinforcement of high moral values.

**Mission Statement**

Scottish Rite is a fraternity of Master Masons whose Mission is to teach, to train and to encourage members to practice the important lessons of truth, of honour, and of virtue.
It promotes belief in a Supreme Being and brotherly love amongst all people regardless of race, colour, or creed.

It improves the individual character through the lessons taught in the degrees and through leadership training and relevant programs.

It seeks to make a positive impact on the welfare of mankind through its charitable foundation.

It is a financially sound organization which leads by example

# Supreme Council Officers
# 2022 – 2026

ILL∴BRO∴DAVID ALLAN BENNETT, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander

ILL∴BRO∴THOMAS ARTHUR WILLS, 33°

Lieutenant Grand Commander

ILL∴BRO∴BRIAN WILFRED GILKINSON, 33°

Grand Chancellor

ILL∴BRO∴TERRY ALLAN McLEAN, 33°

Grand Secretary-General

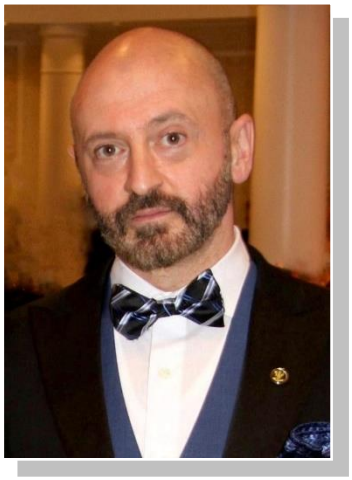
ILL∴BRO∴ALAN JOHN STODDART, 33°

Grand Treasurer-General

New Officers and Active Members of Supreme Council

**ILL∴ BRO∴ FAYEZ OUSTWANI, 33°**

*Deputy for Quebec*



Ill. Bro. Oustwani was born in Damascus, Syria in 1975. Both his grandfather and great grandfather were active Freemasons, the latter, an Appeal Court judge, was a founding member of the Damascus Umaya Lodge and a 33° Scottish Rite Mason.

Fayez left Syria with his family when he was one month old due to his father's venture in the Diamond and jewellery business. At age 8 he moved again to London, England, with his family where he attended school. Then at age 13 he moved to Montreal, Canada, where he attended high school, college, and graduated from Concordia University in 'International Business' in 1998. Immediately after, he received extensive training in New York in the Diamond and jewellery sector. He subsequently opened his jewellery production and retail business in Montreal in 2000, and has been running it since.

Masonically, he was Initiated in St. George's lodge No. 10 in Montreal in 2000. He eventually served 4 terms as Worshipful Master in 2008, 2015, 2016 and 2017. He was appointed as Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge of Quebec in 2013-2014 and served on various Grand Lodge committees. He became a member of Mount Horeb chapter #6 of Royal Arch Masons, and was honoured as a member of the Royal Order of Scotland in 2018.

More relevantly however, he joined the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite in 2004. His dedication and zeal earned him the rank of Thrice Puissant Grand Master in 2010, and eventually that of Commander-in-Chief from 2015-2018. In 2016 he was Coroneted as Honorary Inspector-General, 33°, in St. John's, Newfoundland. And finally, he was Crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General, 33°, by the Sovereign Grand Commander during his official visit to the Valley of Montreal in October, 2023. Ill. Bro. Oustwani was invested as the Deputy for Quebec at the Supreme Council Full Annual Session in Ottawa, Ontario.

On the personal level, Bro. Oustwani is very interested in philosophy, mythology, and symbolism, with particular attention to their esoteric aspects. And on the physical level, he has always enjoyed rigorous physical activity in tennis, power training, hiking and Yoga.

**ILL∴ BRO∴ NORMAN KENT CLARKE, 33°**

*Grand Standard Bearer*

N. Kent Clarke is married to the beautiful Matina and is proud father of Andrew and Eleni. He is a member of St. George's Greek Orthodox Church of Halifax. His roots are firmly planted in industrial Cape Breton, though he has lived in Halifax since crossing the causeway to come to university.

He is a graduate of the University of King's College (BSc 1985) and Dalhousie University (BA 1987 and LLB 1990). He is a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia and has been a partner for over 30 years in the law firm of Blois, Nickerson & Bryson LLP in Halifax, where he now practices primarily in the areas of real property, wills and estates.

He joined Ad Astra Lodge No. 130, G.L.N.S. in 1990, worked his way through the chairs and served as Worshipful Master in 1995 and 1996. He has chaired the lodge's scholarship committee and shared funding committee for over 15 years.

In 1991, he joined the Victoria Lodge of Perfection, Valley of Halifax and served as Most Wise Sovereign of the Keith Sovereign Chapter in 2001 and 2002. He is an active ritualist in many Valley degrees.

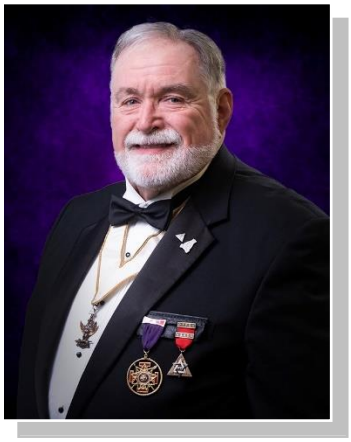
In 2006, he was Coroneted as an Honorary Inspector-General of the Supreme Council of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Freemasonry of Canada in Halifax.

He is a member of Philae Shriners, AAONMS, where he has served as legal counsel for over 20 years and is an active member of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland, where he currently serves as Senior Grand Warden and is a Past Grand Secretary.

His most rewarding experience in Freemasonry and Scottish Rite Freemasonry has been his association with the Scottish Rite Learning Centre for Children, where he was an initial member of the steering committee and has for the last ten years served as Chairman of the Board of Directors. During his tenure as Chair, the Centre has grown to become the largest Scottish Rite Learning Centre in Canada, serving over 65 children and having on staff over 45 tutors.

He is the holder of a red stripe belt, ITF Tae Kwon Do, and a past provincial silver sparring medalist. He is also a past coach of the Halifax Argos Minor Football organization and wrote and spearheaded the winning submission of a national NFL Canada award and $10,000.00 donation to the Halifax Argos Football Association.

**ILL∴ BRO∴ DAVID JASPER BOYD, 33°**
*Sovereign Grand Inspector-General*



David was born in 1957 in Alliston, Ontario and grew up in the village of Angus. Following high school graduation from Barrie Central Collegiate he attended The University of Toronto earning a Bachelor of Music in Performance on Bass Trombone with a Minor in Composition. He continues to compose, arrange, conduct and perform music.

After graduation from U of T, David spent four years Managing Catalogue-Sales Offices for Sears Canada before returning to school to study Education at Queens University, Kingston. He worked for twenty-eight years in public education as a music teacher, music department head, administrative assistant, Vice-Principal and Principal in York Region and Simcoe County District School Boards. He held various positions with the Ontario Principals' Council and taught the Principals' Qualification Program for aspiring administrators.

David met his wife Christine, also a trombone player, while touring in a musical group in 1978 and were married in 1979. They have one daughter, Catriona, her husband Kevin and granddaughter Ava in Toronto. David trained in Chinese Genkido Kempo Karate with his daughter for many years achieving the rank of Nidan (2nd Degree Black Belt). David and Christine are members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Barrie, active in committees there as well as with musical groups in and around the city.

In Craft Masonry, David was Initiated into Innisfil Lodge No. 737 in Stroud on September 13, 1989; was Passed on October 11, 1989; and Raised on January 10, 1990. He was the on-screen host of the Grand Lodge "Friend to Friend" Video in 1994, served as Master of Innisfil Lodge for 1996-1997, 1997-1998, 2007-2008 Masonic years and was elected District Deputy Grand Master of Georgian South District for the 2015-2016 Masonic year, and served as Secretary of Innisfil Lodge from 2017-2023.

David joined the Barrie Lodge of Perfection on February 16, 1991; Spry Chapter of Rose Croix on March 23, 1991; and the Barrie Consistory on April 13, 1991. He is co-director of two degree teams, a member of four degrees, is a member of three Valley Committees and was Chair of the Board of Directors of the Barrie Learning Centre for 16 years. David was elected Thrice Puissant Grand Master in 2017.

On September 11, 2014, Ill. Bro. Boyd was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Crowned a Sovereign Grand-Inspector-General in Ottawa on September 14, 2024.

**ILL∴ BRO∴ ADRIAN CRETU, 33°**
*Sovereign Grand Inspector-General*

Adrian was born in Bucharest, Romania, on September 23, 1967.

An Engineer in Telecommunications, Adrian graduated with a 'Diplôme d'Etudes Universitaires Générales' from Université de Montpellier (France), a Bachelor's in Electrical Engineering – Telecommunications at Ecole Polytechnique de Montréal, and a Master in Electrical and Computer Engineering - Telecommunications at Concordia University, in Montreal.

In 1993, Adrian started a career in Research & Development (R&D) of mobile communications at Ericsson in Montreal, where he held various R&D roles. In the last few years, Adrian has been working in Trade Compliance, under the Legal Group of Ericsson. During his career, he received recognitions as Role Model and as Key Contributor (top 10%).

In 1993, Adrian married Oana, a computer scientist, who would later join the R&D team at Ericsson Montreal. They have 3 children.

In the early 2000s, the family moved to Stockholm, Sweden, where Adrian and Oana worked on new generations of mobile communications at Ericsson's Headquarters. The family spent 5 years in Stockholm, where he continued to be active in the Craft and learn Swedish.

Adrian was Initiated in 1998 in Loge des Coeurs Unis no. 45, in Montréal, Grand Lodge of Québec, and was Raised a Master Mason in 1999. He served as Worshipful Master in 2009-2010. He later served as Worshipful Master in 2015-2017 for Lodge of Two Mountains no. 122, after serving as Lodge Secretary for several years.

Adrian is currently serving, since 2022, as District Deputy Grand Master for the District of St. Francis, Grand Lodge of Québec, in the Eastern Townships area.

Adrian was made a Knight of the Royal Order of Scotland in May, 2014.

As a Scottish Rite Mason, Adrian joined Hochelaga Grand Lodge of Perfection, Valley of Montreal, in 2003. He served as a Commander in Chief of the newly formed Consistoire du Phénix in 2012-2014 and again in 2018-2022, organizing and holding the very first 32nd degree in French, in 2013. In the spring of 2022, under dispensation from Supreme Council, Adrian served as Most Wise Sovereign, for conferring the degrees of the Chapitre de Rose+Croix du Mont Réal. He also served as Thrice Puissant Grand Master of the Loge de Perfection Fleur de Lys from 2022-2024. Since 2020, Adrian has been Chairman of the Committee of Education, Retention and Planning of the Valley of Montreal. Since 2024, he is the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Valley of Montreal.

In March 2022, Adrian was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General in Hamilton, and was Crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General on September 14, 2024 in Ottawa.

Adrian is a member of Royal Arch bodies in the Eastern Townships: Golden Rule Chapter no. 1, Sussex Preceptory no. 9 Knights Templar, and Bedford Conclave no. 13.

Adrian is a member of the Karnak Shrine Temple, in Montreal. His wife Oana volunteers as a Drivers Coordinator for pick-ups of patients of Shriners Hospital for Children.

Adrian was involved with the local minor hockey league as Team Manager for 10 years, as two of the children played hockey.

Adrian enjoys spending time with Oana at their cottage in the Eastern Townships. His hobbies consist of photography, hiking, and scuba-diving when in warmer climates.

# ►WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11◄

Wednesday, September 11, 2024 ~ 8:00am
Meeting of the Provincial Deputies

At 8:00am the Provincial Deputies met in the Quebec Room of the Westin Ottawa Hotel. Joining them at 10:00am SGC, Ill. Bro. David A. Bennett, LGC, Ill. Bro. Thomas A. Wills, and GSG, Ill. Bro. Terry A. McLean. Minutes of this meeting were reported on Thursday morning in Executive Session.

Wednesday, September 11, 2024 ~ 1:00pm
**The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Of Canada**

SRCF Minutes of the Member's Annual Meeting
Confederation III, Westin Ottawa Hotel, Ottawa, Ontario

1. **Call to Order:**
   President Ill. Bro. Gareth R. Taylor, 33°, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm ET and welcomed all members to the Annual General Meeting of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation. He reminded all those making reports, moving or seconding motions, or otherwise contributing to the meeting, to use one of the podiums with a microphone so that the proceedings can be recorded. He called upon the Grand Prior, Ill. Bro. Gordon Maitland, 33°, to make the invocation.

2. **Prayer**: The Grand Prior, Ill. Bro. Gordon Maitland, 33°, offered the invocation.

3. **Reading the Notice of Meeting**: The notice of meeting was read by the Secretary.

4. **Approval of the Agenda:** It was moved by Ill. Bro. Bob Brethour, 33°, and seconded by Ill. Bro. Clive Stevenson, 33°, that the agenda be approved as distributed. Carried

5. **Declaration of Conflict**: The President reminded the members to inform the Chairman if a topic under discussion will potentially represent a conflict of interest for them.

6. **Approval of the Minutes of the Members Meeting held on Wednesday September 13th, 2023**:
   It was moved by Ill. Bro. Ron Taylor, 33°, and seconded by Ill. Bro. Steven Warren, 33°, that the minutes of the Members Annual General Meeting held on September 13th 2023, be approved. Carried

7. **Business Arising from the Minutes:** There was none.

8. **Treasurer's Report, Audit Report and Investment Committee Reports:**
   The Treasurer, Ill. Bro. James Vasko, 33°, opened by noting changes are required in the 2023-2024 financial highlights section of the Treasurer's Report. In the 2023 section "statement of financial position", the receivables amount of $68,192 should be replaced by $176,406. This will change the total of $316,700 to $424,914. The total for investments also changes from $25,383,835 to $25,275,621. This change corrects an inconsistency caught by a quality control check by Grant Thornton.

   Now we will proceed to look at the highlights of the most recent fiscal year. Highlight 1, income before expenses was $1.57 million which was $260,000 lower than the previous year. This was in part due to donations and bequests are $215,00 lower year over year and gain on disposal of investments which was $288,000 lower than the previous year. The combined variance of approximately $510,000 is not the preferred outcome, but each of these changes falls within historical norms.

   On a much more positive note, the investment income was very strong this year and rose to $1.34 million, $245,000 higher than the previous year. This was the result of increases in GIC interest yields and dividends on equities. Over the next couple of years, GIC yields from our

portfolio are expected to remain higher than financial markets. These expectations have been confirmed by our wealth management advisors, RBC Dominion Securities.

Highlight 2, operating expenses were $137,000 which is a $30,000 increase over the previous year driven largely by a $10,000 increase in administrative expenses and an increase in professional fees of $12,000. Administrative expenses were higher because of inflation, other variations are within historical norms.

Highlight 3, distributions, were affected by new legislation that came into effect this year that increased the Foundation's disbursement quota, often referred to as DQ. On May 31st 2024, the Foundation disbursed more than $1.5 million in grants, bursaries and donations which included $1.25 million for the current year and $300,000 which was carried forward from the 2023. In the current year, in addition to awarding research grants of $481,000 and other donations of $50,000, $990,000 was paid out in the form of nine "60th Anniversary grants" of $110,000 to each of the nine Learning Centres to enhance the delivery of their respective programs.

Highlight 4, the excess or deficiency of income after expenses and distributions. There was a deficiency of $90,000, much of which was the result of the $300,000 that was carried forward from 2023 expenses. The net result is that it was $1.26 million lower year over year before recognizing unrealized gains. The unrealized gains were $476,000 in 2024 compared to the unrealized loss of $2.45 million in 2023.

Highlight 5, reporting on net excess or deficiency. A next excess of $385,000 in 2024 compared to a deficiency of $1.28 million in 2023.

Highlight 6, the statement of financial position. Total assets reached an all time high of $27.1 million which included investments also at an all time high of $26.8 million these variances are all within historic norms. The one exception this year to historic norms, is payables of $1 million, which accounts for the 60th Anniversary Grants to each of the nine Learning Centres. These grants were in transit at year end, approved but the cheques were not cashed.

Highlight 7, relates to changes in net assets, at the bottom of the table in the Treasurer's Report. The net assets in 2024 were $386,000 higher than in 2023.

One last noteworthy highlight is that the target asset-mix was re-aligned from 30% cash and GICs and 70% equities to 40% Cash and GICs and 60% equities. This change was approved at the May 14th Board meeting to reduce exposure to market risk for the equities portion of the portfolio and partly aimed at increasing the average yield in the fixed rate portion of the portfolio by locking in excellent 5-year GIC rates of return. By the fiscal year-end the Foundation was very close to reaching these targets and was at 38.5% cash and GICs and 61.5% equities. The decision to make this change was discussed with our wealth manager at RBC Dominion Securities who was in total agreement.

The Treasurer's report supplements details of his verbal presentation to the meeting. There is one section, half way down the page that discloses important legislative changes. Starting with the fiscal year ending in 2024, Canada's 86,000 registered charities were required to pay out grants and donations equal to 3.5% of the first $1 million in assets and 5% of the assets in excess of $1 million that are not used for charitable purposes. The calculation of the DQ is based on the average of the last two fiscal year-ends prior to the current fiscal year. The impact of having a higher DQ is that it heightens the importance of preserving assets, maximizing the yield on investments, and maintaining a stable donor base.

This concludes the Treasurer's Report, are there any questions?

Ill. Bro. Richard Brown, 33°. My question asks for clarification. If this legislation requires the extraordinary payout of about $1 million, what is anticipated in future years? Another question is does CRA give you a number that you have to meet? Do they calculate it or does each

Foundation have to do that on their own? Regardless of the answer to that, what have you discovered regarding what you will have to allocate for scholarships and grants this year. There had been discussions about increasing the size of grants or increasing the number of grants but I did not see any discussion of this in the materials that I received.

Ill Bro. Jim Vasko, 33°: Thank you those are good questions, going forward, we calculate what our distribution quota will be each year based on our previous audited financials which is reviewed by our auditor to confirm their concurrence. We report these numbers on the T 3010 form which is our annual filing. When this is received by CRA, they review it and they also have a copy of our audited financial statements for that given year. They will test it for reasonableness. The onus is on us to do the calculations as well as to report it. In answer to your question about what we will be required to do going forward, for instance in the current year which ends May 31st 2025, we are expecting to pay $1.25 to $1.3 million, in that ballpark. So long as we have the same sized investment portfolio, we will be paying out between $1.2 to $1.3 million for some time to come. Does that answer your question?

Ill. Bro. Gareth Taylor, 33°: I think Richard did have one additional question, which is what is the Board doing about that going forward? Richard, I will provide more information in the President's Report. We had a meeting where the Board had a session on what they wanted to identify as the priorities. The two priorities that were identified were the Learning Centre program and the Grants Program. I will talk a little bit about how we will increase spending for the Grants Program and what we are looking towards regarding the Learning Centres.

Ill. Bro. Jim Vasko. 33°: Are there any other questions? Hearing none I will go on to the Audit Report on the audited financial statements.

Like other years the auditor gives a qualified opinion that they do not know what other donation monies may be in transit with any of the agencies that collect donations and give them to the Foundation. Because the auditors don't know of these donations they cannot audit them, in other words they cannot say that the amount of donations is accurate. Because of that situation they qualify their opinion but they also state that aside from that qualification, the accompanying financial statements present fairly in all material respects the financial position of the Foundation. In short, we received a "clean audit".

The next section describes what the auditor is responsible to do and the biggest concern for the auditor is that we treat the Foundation as a going concern at all times. The auditor also looks at risk, including market risk, credit risk, interest rate risk, internal controls, accounting policies, and their appropriateness. They also look at the financial statement structure and content. They agree that what is presented is a fair presentation to the reader.

On Page 4 of the audit there is a statement of operations, net assets, the statement of financial position, we have covered this in the Treasurer's Report. We have reviewed the numbers and I will not revisit them now.

The statement of cash flow is on page 7, it discusses the sources and uses of cash through the operations of business for the year. This section is a technical requirement and not one that we need to go over in this meeting.

The notes for the financial statements are there to provide additional disclosure and information to the reader. We really don't have anything to go over with respect to these notes, other than this year the audit was problematic, on a number of accounts. Our audit manager was on vacation for a good part of the period when the audit was being performed by a junior auditor. The auditor was to return a week before we had to provide the documents to Steven Warren for distribution at this meeting. Just before the auditor returned, the internal control group at our audit firm pulled the audit back and delayed the process several days, we did not get the statements until a day or two

before our deadline. When they got to us there were a considerable number of errors, some of them addition errors, significant addition errors in my opinion.

There also were other items like the reclassification of the 2023 statements which was not discussed with us as well as other changes in the notes that actually take content away from the reader. We were fairly strong in feeling that those items should not have been taken out. In particular, note number 4, investments, it currently does not include much information but formerly this section had a table which reported our main assets, Cash & GIC and equities in a year over year basis investments. Some information that is no longer included includes an analysis of the impact of an increase or decrease of 10% in interest rates on our income. We feel that this information which was removed should have been included

I made disclosure regarding the distribution quota in my report, the second largest legislative impact on the Foundation is this legislation and it would normally have been included in these notes. The primary auditor did not see that inclusion of these significant changes in the distribution quota should be included. The Executive of the Foundation will be looking at options to obtain better service from the firm chosen as the Foundation's auditor.

Ill. Bro. Doug Easton, 33°: First, I want to thank the Treasurer for an excellent report. I note that the professional fees have gone up, personally I have had audit firms make errors and I have sought a reduction in the auditor's fees to compensate for the poor performance. Was there any willingness from Grant Thornton to make amends for the errors that occurred.

Ill. Bro. Jim Vasko, 33°: The audit fees this year are not unusually high but the 2023 fees were unusually low. We have not had the opportunity to discuss a reduction of the 2024 fees as our primary contact is again on vacation.

Ill. Bro. Doug Easton, 33°: Is the professional fees amount solely linked to the audit costs?

Ill. Bro. Jim Vasko, 33°: The professional fees also include the costs of an analyst who provides reports for us and prepares journal entries for the office, her fees of approximately $5,000 are included in the professional fees category. The overall cost of the audit increased two years ago from $15,000 to $18,000.

Are there any other questions?

Ill. Bro. Gareth Taylor, 33°: Are there any questions on the report from the Investment Committee? I believe that Jim has addressed the key points in the Investment Committee report in his Treasurer's Report and the Audit Report.

It was moved by Ill. Bro. Alan Stoddart, 33°, and seconded by Ill. Bro. Brent Julian, 33°, that the report from the Treasurer, including the Audit Report and the Investment Committee Report be accepted. Carried.

The President thanked the Treasurer for all his work, including the extraordinary additional work this year. The President then turned the gavel over to the Vice President who will serve as chair for the upcoming President's report.

Ill. Bro. Richard Jones, 33°: Mr. President Would you please bring forward the President's Report.

Ill. Bro. Gareth Taylor, 33°: I will amend the Presidents report to respond to the questions that have been raised.

Wow! This year the Foundation turned 60!!! I wonder what the Founding Fathers of the Foundation would say about the work we are currently doing. Ill. Bro. Donald M. Fleming, 33°, who wrote the history of the first 20 years of the Foundation speaking specifically about the chosen focus of the Charity described how providential it was in choosing mental health as the object of charitable support by the Foundation. We have evolved in our thinking about mental

health issues since 1964, but I believe that our Foundation's goal of Solving the Puzzles of the Mind is just as relevant and timely as it was when the Foundation started in 1964.

This has been another very busy year for the Foundation. At the May Board meeting, Ill. Bro. Evan Woodhead, 33°, facilitated a session to identify and evaluate options to increase the Foundation's annual disbursements. From this discussion, the Directors reaffirmed the two major thrusts for the Foundation's support are the Learning Centre program and Research Grant program. The Research Grants will increase from a maximum of $40,000 per annum for up to three years to $60,000 per annum for up to three years. Each grant increases from a total of $120,000 to a total of $180,000 per grant. The Board also approved the funding of up to 5 grants per year, up from the current 4 grants per year. The result is that the granting program is currently 12 grants at $40,000 per year, a disbursement of $480,000 will increase to 5 grants at $60,000, increasing the annual disbursement to $300,000. That is just for one "cohort". When this new arrangement is applied to all three years of the three-year granting cycle, we will reach a steady state of $900,000 per year almost twice the current amount of $480,000. In response to Richard's question that is a large part of the disbursement quota which Jim estimated to be $1.2 million per year. Three quarters of the quota will be met through the grants program. The Foundation Board will be evaluating options each year to disburse the remaining amount, either to the Learning Centres as was done with the 60th Anniversary Grants or through other means, that is for the Board to decide on an annual basis. Richard, I think that this answers your question.

In recognition of the Foundation's 60th Anniversary, a special SRCF 60th Anniversary Grant would be offered to each Learning Centre in the amount of $110,000 for program related expenses. All nine Learning Centres were able to take advantage of this extraordinary funding opportunity. During the meeting, the Directors appointed Ill. Bro. William (Bill) Cave, 33°, Bill please stand up, as the new Executive Director of the Learning Centres Program. Ill. Bro. Cave will be the third person to hold this position following in the footsteps of Ill. Bros. Harold E. Crosby, 33°, and Matthew F. Todd, 33°.

In the Grants and Awards report from Ill. Bro. Joseph Angel, 33°, we continue to fund 12 researchers across Canada and their quest into Helping to Solve the Puzzles of the Mind. We hope that many of these studies will yield important and timely results. Ill. Bro. Angel also reported that $36,000 was disbursed through the Provincial Deputy's Award Program this year to support worthwhile individuals or organizations in their local area. This is up from $19,000 last year and represents participation by 36 of our 44 Valleys, we are getting very close to 100% participation in this program. If Valleys have questions about the program, please contact the SRCF Office for more information. What better way to promote not only the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation, but also Scottish Rite Masonry.

We will soon hear from Ill. Bro. Richard Jones, 33°, on the continued success of the Learning Centres with increases in the children enrolled in the Orton-Gillingham program and the increase in tutors, as well as the continued growth of the program.

This year we will see two new Directors being elected to the Board. We thank Ill. Bro. Jacques Ruelland, 33°, for his service and dedication to the Foundation. We welcomed Ill. Bro. William Cave to the Board in September 2023, but he had to resign from the Board with his appointment as the Executive Director of the Learning Centre Program. I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who supports the Foundation, the Directors, the officers, the Committee Chairmen, the Learning Centre Directors, tutors and Learning Centre staff and in particular the Foundation office staff that, together help us to solve the puzzles of the mind.

It was moved by Ill. Bro. Robert Whitmore, 33°, and seconded by Ill. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33°, to the approve the President's report. Carried

I return the gavel back to President Taylor.

Ill. Bro. Gareth Taylor, 33°: I will now ask Richard for his Learning Centres Report.

Ill. Bro. Richard Jones, 33°: Mr. President and brethren present, it's a pleasure to be able to present this report again this year. The report is in the package that was distributed so I won't repeat it. There is an error I wish to correct, in the report. The Hamilton Learning Centre being certified by a licensing body referred to as IMSEC, this acronym is missing the letter L. The reference should be IMSLEC which stands for The International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council. A not-for-profit organization from the USA that operates a credentialing program for dyslexia learning centres.

The program this year has three key elements, the first is the appointment of a new Executive Director, Congratulations to Ill. Bro. Bill Cave, 33°. There is a second outcome of this process. Prior to this year we did not have a job description, a list of credentials and talents that this person would require nor did we have a methodology for normal HR search and hiring processes. We now have all of those for the next time that we recruit an Executive Director. I want to thank the Search Committee, drawn from across Canada, including Foundation Directors, Learning Centre Directors, Chairs and tutor trainers. Further, the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation, for its 60th Anniversary, created the 60th Anniversary Grant Program which provided each learning centre with one time funding. All nine Learning Centres were able to benefit from this opportunity. Improvements included enhancing learning space, learning tools, library enhancement, tutor training and other improvements that qualify for support under CRA's rules for the use of charitable funds. We are excited to be able to help each Learning Centre and to support needed improvements. In addition, two Learning Centres are planning to open Satellite Learning Centres. The Learning Centre Program is expanding in interesting and exciting ways.

The third element I want to share information about is our student body. Our student body has grown again, by 19% over 2023 and the number of tutors has increased by 6.25%, the number of certified tutors fell by 8% and students waiting to enroll in the program has increased by 38%. The program has rebounded well from the challenges of the Covid pandemic and the demand for the Learning Centre services continues to be strong. As noted by Ill. Bro. Matthew Todd, 33°, in previous years, there is a huge demand for this service throughout the country. The Foundation is starting to work with the new Executive Director to address this demand.

There are other successes that are included in the report, of which I will highlight two. The Hamilton Learning Centre has recently received IMSLEC accreditation, from an independent not for profit body. Teachers who participate in such credentialed programs receive greater recognition in their teaching career. Also, the Vancouver Learning Centre was approved two years ago to undertake a pilot project using virtual tutoring methods to train students and to train tutors on how to deliver the Orton-Gillingham methodology. The Vancouver Learning Centre has provided its second report on the pilot project and the Board will be reviewing and considering next steps when it meets this fall.

It was moved by Ill. Bro. Richard Jones, 33°, and seconded by Ill. Bro. Tom Wills, 33°, that the Learning Centre's Report be accepted. Carried

Ill. Bro. Richard Jones, 33°, indicated that the Nominations Committee report is also in your package. The report opens with finding a new Executive Director for the Learning Centre Program.

This year we have two members of the Board who are completing their four-year term, Ill. Bro. Jacques Ruelland, 33°, and Ill. Bro. Steve Kennard, 33°. Ill. Bro. Ruelland has decided not to stand for a second term but Ill. Bro. Steve Kennard, 33°, has agreed to serve a second four-year term should he be elected for a second term at this meeting. That leaves one vacancy on the Board, a second vacancy was created, as noted in the President's report, when Ill. Bro. Bill Cave, 33°, resigned from the Board to accept the position of Executive Director. That created a total of two vacancies on the Board. There are two recommendations for this Annual Meeting to consider

appointing to the Board. The first is Ill. Bro. N. Kent Clarke, 33°, from Halifax and the second is Ill. Bro. Paul Finch, 32°, from British Columbia. I should note that Ill. Bro. Finch is a candidate for the Honorary Inspector-General degree at this Supreme Council Session.

It was moved by Ill. Bro. Richard Jones, 33°, and seconded by Ill. Bro. Tom Wills, 33°, that the Nominations and Directors Term Committee Report be approved. Carried.

Ill. Bro. Gareth Taylor, 33°, asked Ill. Bro. Kent Clarke, 33°, to retire as we have to vote on each of the positions for Directors. Thank you, Brother Kent, we will call you back shortly. [Brother Kent retires from the chamber].

It was moved by Ill. Bro. Richard Jones, 33°, and seconded by Ill. Bro. Tom Wills, 33°, to nominate Ill. Bro. Steve Kennard, 33°, to serve for a second term of 4 years. Carried.

It was moved by Ill. Bro. Richard Jones, 33°, and seconded by Ill. Bro. Tom Wills, 33°, to nominate Ill. Bro. N. Kent Clarke, 33°, and Ill. Bro. Paul Finch, 32°. Carried.

Ill. Bro. Gareth Taylor, 33°, asked for further nominations three times. Hearing no further nominations, we will have motions for each of the Directors to be elected separately.

It was moved by Ill. Bro. Richard Jones, 33°, and seconded by Ill. Bro. Tom Wills, 33°, to nominate Ill. Bro. N. Kent Clarke, 33°, to serve as a Director of the Foundation. Carried.

It was moved by Ill. Bro. Richard Jones, 33°, and seconded by Ill. Bro. Tom Wills, 33°, to nominate Ill. Bro. Paul Finch, 32°, to serve as a Director of the Foundation. Carried.

Ill. Bro. Gareth Taylor, 33°, I would like to ask the Lieutenant Grand Commander to invite Ill. Bro. N. Kent Clarke, 33°, to return to the meeting. Welcome back Ill. Bro. N. Kent Clarke to your election to the Board of the Foundation. I look forward to working with you on the Board in the future.

I would also like to express on behalf of the Board, our thanks to Ill. Bro. Jacques Ruelland, 33°, for his service to the Board over the past 4 years.

The agenda notes that Ill. Bro. Joe Angel, 33°, will present the Grants and Awards Committee report. Unfortunately, Joe is still travelling from Saskatoon and has not yet arrived in Ottawa. I will pass the gavel to Ill. Bro. Richard Jones, 33°, and I will present the Grants and Awards Committee Report.

Ill. Bro. Gareth Taylor, 33°: Most of the Grants and Awards information has been covered. This year the Grants and Awards Committee has awarded five research grants of $40,000 each. There was a Grants Review Committee meeting with Dr. Joel Watson from the University of Toronto who chaired the Review Committee again this year. All the reviewers were current Foundation grantees. Former grant recipients are now serving as reviewers, a small way for them to “pay back” to the Foundation. We also approved the continuation of 4 grants for their second year and also the continuation of 4 grants for their third year. The applicants have filed the necessary paperwork for the continuation of the grant and they are all making progress. The total disbursement is $556,000. One other little “tweak” that the Foundation is going to make is that we are going to pay $120,000 up front to each recipient. This will help achieve the disbursement quota in future years. We receive annual reports and we have the opportunity to claw back money if we feel progress is not being made.

As I noted in the President’s Report, we are very pleased with the uptake of the Deputy Awards with 36 of the Valley’s taking part, we would like to see 100% for next year.

It was moved by Ill. Bro. Kent Clarke, 33°, and seconded by Ill. Bro. Richard Jones, 33°, to accept the report of the Grants and Awards Committee. Carried.

Gavel returned to Gareth Taylor.

It was moved by Ill. Bro. Terry McLean, 33°, and seconded by Ill. Bro. David Bennett, 33°, to accept the reports for the Insurance, Communications and Website Committee, Office of the Clarion Editorial Committee as distributed. Carried.

Ill. Bro. Gareth Taylor, 33°, I will accept a motion to approve the actions of the Directors.

It was moved by Ill. Bro. Ron Taylor, 33°, and seconded by Ill. Bro. Owen Devereaux, 33°, to approve all actions of the Board of Directors of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada during the previous term. Carried.

Ill. Bro. Gareth Taylor, 33°, I will accept a motion to appoint Grant Thornton LLP as Auditors for the fiscal year 2024- 2025.

It was moved by Ill. Bro. Douglas Easton, 33°, and seconded by Ill. Bro. Jack Barr, 33°, to appoint the accounting firm of Grant Thornton LLP as Auditors for the fiscal year 2024-2025. Carried

Ill. Bro. Gareth Taylor, 33°, I will accept a motion to transmit the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Annual Report 2023-2024 to Supreme Council.

It was moved by Ill. Bro. Jeff Dickson, 33°, and seconded by Ill. Bro. Errol Stewart, 33°, to transmit the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Annual Report 2023-2024 to the Supreme Council of Canada. Carried.

Ill. Bro. Gareth Taylor, 33°: New business, the Foundation banquet will be tomorrow evening at 7:00 pm and the guest speaker is Roy MacGregor, a Member of the Order of Canada. I have reviewed his recent book and I am looking forward to hearing his presentation. In addition, we will be introducing the Candidates, which is a change from prior years.

There will be a meeting of the Foundation Directors in the Prince Edward Island room immediately following the Friday morning session. That includes the newly appointed Directors, the meeting room is adjacent to the Registration desk.

I would like to thank the Sovereign Grand Commander for the opportunity to hold this annual General Meeting before these executive sessions. As this is an open session, I would like to thank the Honorary Inspectors-General for attending this afternoon.

I should bring to everyone’s attention that this will be the last Annual General Meeting I will chair as the President of the Foundation. I am stepping down as of Friday. I have had a wonderful run of just over 9 years as President, I feel that my job is done and I believe that the Foundation is in very capable hands. It has been my pleasure and honour to serve the Foundation and my term as a Director has two more years and with the agreement of the incoming President I would be pleased to stay on to the end of my term. It has been my pleasure to serve, I trust that we have left the Foundation in better shape with a strong financial base and strong and growing programs. We have a wonderful cast of Directors to lead the Foundation forward from here. Thank you.

It was moved by Ill. Bro. Rob Whitmore, 33°, and seconded by Ill. Bro. Terry McLean, 33°, that this Member’s meeting be adjourned. Carried

Wednesday, September 11, 2024 ~ 2:00pm
Confederation III, The Westin Ottawa Hotel, Ottawa, Ontario

At 2:00 pm the first Executive Session of the 150th Annual Session was held in Confederation III, The Westin Ottawa Hotel, Ottawa, Ontario with Ill. Bro. David A. Bennett, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander presiding. The Sovereign Grand Commander welcomed everyone to the 150th Annual Session of Supreme Council.

**SGC:** Brethren, it is a pleasure to welcome you to the 150th Annual Session of your Supreme Council. In the great City of Ottawa, so it's wonderful to be here and I wish you happy anniversary to begin with and I know that we'll celebrate over the next few days and really looking forward to it. I will now declare this Supreme Council in executive session open.

Well, again, I'd like to welcome you to the great City of Ottawa named in 1855. Before it was called By Town and of course, if you just cross Rideau Street into the Byward market, you'll see lots of history about Colonel By. Before we begin, we wish to acknowledge the Anishinabe Algonquin people whose traditional unseated, unsurrenderd territory where we are meeting this week.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Thomas Wills, 33°, and Terry McLean, 33°, that the Honorary Inspectors-General are invited to attend the Executive Sessions on the invitation of the Sovereign Grand Commander, without voice or vote.

**SGC:** Any questions or discussion? Call for the vote. Carried.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Thomas Wills, 33°, and Terry McLean, 33°, that the Minutes of the Executive Annual Session held September 13, 2023 are hereby adopted as circulated in the proceedings.

**SGC:** Any questions or discussion? Call for the vote. Carried.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Thomas Wills, 33°, and Terry McLean, 33°, that the Sovereign Grand Commander be authorized to alter the order of the Agenda.

**SGC:** Any questions or discussion? All those in favour. Carried.

For your information, the name tags everyone will be wearing at these sessions are colour-coded as follows for members and spouses; the purple, active members; red, past active members; green, guests; the candidates will have turquoise colours; Honorary Inspectors-General will have yellow ones; and the white ones will be the host committee and the other attendees. I ask you to take your time, please take time to thank those, especially with the white collars, who have been our hosts and will be over the next few days. And of course, for our guests and candidates, as you are firmly aware, nothing is more important than a smile and a handshake. So please greet our guests and our candidates. Our candidates are very excited. I've met many of them so far and and your greeting will mean the world to them. Thank you very much.

Registered for this 150th annual session; 231 members and 156 companions. We have 53 candidates and 38 spouses. We have 25 guests, ladies, and special visitors. That number has dwindled somewhat due to unforeseen health issues, however, at this point in time we have 503 in attendance, there was 417 in Saskatoon.

What I would like now to do is explain the process for presenting reports and addressing the Executive Committee. Please walk to the nearest microphone, state your name, speak clearly for recording purposes, and please be as brief as possible.

The following brethren will be retiring to Past Active rank effective Friday, September 13th at midnight. John Harrison, Grand Standard Bearer, Valley of Barrie, upon request. Jacques Ruelland, Deputy for

Quebec, Valley of Montreal, due to age. I would also at this time like to offer prayers to Jacques Ruelland's wife, Krystina, who was having severe health difficulties

**GSG:** Sovereign Grand Commander, Illustrious Brother Karl Springer, who turned 75 years of age this year, has requested an extension according to Article 8 (b) of the Statutes and Regulations. I therefore move, seconded by Illustrious Brother Richard Brown, that Illustrious Brother Springer be granted an extension for Article 8 (b).

**SGC:** Brethren, you have heard the motion. Agreement of the Active Members must be unanimous. Are there any questions or discussion? Hearing none, all those in favour? Carried.

We'll now call on Richard Brown for the report of the Nomination Committee, Honorary Inspectors-General. Thank you.

**PSGC Brown:** Sovereign Grand Commander, peers and brethren, I'm glad you clarified which report I'm making, when. With respect to the responsibility of the Membership Nomination Committee, we reviewed 20 nominations for HIG designation, which of course if approved would take place in Hamilton in 2026. I'll read the names of those individuals and the Valley that they identify with. And they are not in any particular order.

| Province | Name (20) | Valley |
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| BC | Trowell, William Scarborough | Castlegar Nelson |
| NB | McMahon, Robert Edward | Saint John |
| ON | Laporte, Brian Russell | Barrie |
| ON | Lidstone, John William | Barrie |
| ON | Martin, Robert Fletcher | Barrie |
| ON | Wales, John Paul | Barrie |
| ON | Cobb, David Andrew | Chatham |
| ON | Mathany, John Edward | Chatham |
| ON | Bates, Scott William Ronald | Kingston |
| ON | Gatcke, Jeffrey Michael | Kingston |
| ON | Durham, David Harold | London |
| ON | Ronald, Terry Douglas | London |
| ON | Sider, George William | Niagara |
| ON | Goudie, Kenneth Harold | Ottawa |
| ON | Hall, Gavin Roderick | Ottawa |
| ON | Anderson, Jeffrey Marshall | Peterborough |
| ON | Chorkawy, Michael Gordon | Sudbury |
| ON | Lipic, Robert John | Sudbury |
| ON | Lipic, Ryan Thomas | Sudbury |
| SK | Abel, David Neil | Regina |

Those are the 20 nominees for HIG designation and our report indicates there are 20 nominations, each of the nominees meets the requirements of Article 10 of the Statutes & Regulations, and each of the nominations was completed in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes & Regulations.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Richard Brown, 33°, and Matthew Todd, 33°, that the report on Advancement to Honorary Inspector-General in Hamilton in 2026 be received and the vote cast at the Executive Session on Thursday morning.

**SGC:** Thank you. You have heard the report. Are there any further nominations? Are there any further nominations? Are there any further nominations? So we will now vote on the reception of the report, all those in favour. Carried.

Illustrious Brother Steven Warren, you have a motion with regard to candidates requesting an extension of time to receive the 33rd degree.

**Ill. Bro. Warren:** Sovereign Grand Commander, we have two brethren who have requested to defer their nomination for the 33rd degree to Hamilton 2026. The Provincial Deputy with respect to each candidate is aware and supports the motion to defer. I therefore move, seconded by Tom Wills, that the following candidates be permitted to defer their degree to Hamilton 2026. Bruce Allen Morrison, Valley of Castlegar Nelson and Emmanuel Benoit, Valley of Ottawa.

**SGC:** Brethren, are there any questions or discussion? Hearing none, all those in favour? Carried.

Grand Secretary-General, do you have any member of this Supreme Council requesting a demit or being suspended?

**GSG:** I do Sovereign Grand Commander. For suspension, Illustrious Brother Harry Edward David Daine, Valley of Halifax, suspended; Illustrious Brother Brian Timothy Rumbles, Valleys of Peterborough and Hamilton, suspended; Illustrious Brother Alfred Joseph Erickson, Valleys of Fraser Valley and Vancouver, Fraser Valley demitted for health reasons; Illustrious Brother Jordan Roy Bowcott, Valleys of Fraser Valley and Vancouver, Fraser Valley demitted for health reasons; Illustrious Brother John Henry Reynolds, Valleys of Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, and Calgary, all three Valleys demitted.

**SGC:** Thank you, Grand Secretary-General, I will now call on Richard Brown for the report of the Nomination committee on Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General.

**PSGC Brown:** Sovereign Grand Commander peers and brethren, there are two nominations being presented by the Membership Nominations committee today. One is to fill the vacancy to replace Illustrious Brother John Harrison, 33°, who requested a transfer to pass active status and the nominee to replace him, is Illustrious Brother David Jasper Boyd, 33°, Valley of Barrie. The second instance is with respect to filling the vacancy to replace Illustrious Brother Jacques Ruelland, 33°, who was required to transfer to Past Active status in 2024, and the nominee is Illustrious Brother Adrian Cretu, 33°, Valley of Montreal. Those are the nominees Sovereign Grand Commander.

**SGC:** Your mover and and seconder please.

**PSGC Brown:** I move, seconded by Illustrious Brother Terry McLean, that the nominations for Sovereign Grand Inspector-General be as indicated in my report.

**SGC:** Brethren, you've heard the report. Are there any further nominations? Are there any further nominations? Are there any further nominations? Any questions or discussion? Brethren, all those in favour. Carried.

Now I'll call on Richard once again for the report of the Officer nominations.

**PSGC Brown:** This is the report of the Officer Nominations committee and as a result of what has transpired so far this afternoon, your committee on Officer Nominations is pleased to nominate for election to office for the balance of the current quadrennial, the following Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General. For Deputy for Quebec, Illustrious Brother Fayez Oustwani, 33°, and as Grand Standard Bearer, Illustrious Brother Kent Clarke, 33°. I move, seconded by Illustrious Brother Terry McLean, that the nominations for Officers be as indicated in the report.

**SGC:** You've heard the report, brethren. Are there any further nominations? Are there any further nominations? Are there any further nominations? Hearing none, I will now call for the vote. All those in favour. Any opposed? Carried.

I will now call for the report of the special committee on special awards.

Report of the Special Committee On
**SPECIAL AWARDS**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

This year the Committee had four applications to consider and a zoom meeting was held on May 22, 2024 to put forth two names. As always this is a difficult decision.

The brethren selected to receive this year's John Ross Matheson Award are:

Maurice Brett Rakuson, 33°, Initiated November 14, 1985, Passed March 13, 1986, Raised May 22, 1986 in Fidelity Lodge No. 32, Grand Lodge of British Columbia & Yukon. He served as the Worshipful Master of Fidelity Lodge No. 32, 1995-1997, Worshipful Master of Slocan Lodge No. 29 2016-2017. He has been member of the Trail Masonic Holding Company since 1994. Deputy District Grand Master, District #7, 2005-2006, Grand Marshall, 2002, representative B of GP , and Director of Ceremonies GLBC&Y. Affiliated with Corinthian Lodge No. 27 in 2004 serving in the offices of Secretary, Treasurer & Director of Ceremonies.

Grand Treasurer of Kootenay/Boundary Lodge of Perfection; Treasurer of Kokanee Chapter of Rose Croix, Member of Morning Star Consistory, received his 33° 2017. Member of Gizen Shrine 1995, associate Guardian Bethel #4 Job's Daughters.

Brett has been married for 52 years with two daughters, one son and five grandchildren.

Brett has been an active community member in the following organizations: Genelle Recreation Committee, Zone Director BC Curling Association, West Kootenay Labour Council, Silver City Days Committee, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 11 (Treasurer), Rossland Light Opera, and the Trail Pipe Band. Brett served two terms as Counsellor for the Village of Warfield and served as President of the New Democratic Party of B.C.

Brett has never sought the limelight in his life but with all the work he has done within the community and the Craft he deserves to be recognized. He has impacted the lives of many people especially from the local vulnerable population with his work in the United Church and the many other organizations over the years. His Masonic involvement has been extensive and demonstrates his dedication to the Craft. One example is his work to buy back the Masonic Temple (Fidelity Lodge) playing a major role in the revitalization of the building with extensive renovations and the creation of a banquet room, which today displays the history of the four Lodges in the area. Brett was instrumental in saving the Castlegar/Nelson Valley of A. & A.S.R., about 20 years ago Brett and others relocated the Lodge of Perfection and Chapter of Rose Croix to the Trail Masonic Temple. In the building's basement, a Lodge room was built solely for the use of the Lodge and Chapter. If not for this move many would not have petitioned the A. & A. S. R. for membership.

Alan Roy Tomlins, 32°, was Raised by the RCMP Degree team in Burnaby Lodge No. 150 in March 1963. Later the same year he petitioned Royal Arch Composite Chapter No. 24 in New Westminster and has been an active member of the Royal Arch since. Alan has affiliated with Lodges at all his postings throughout B.C. In 1971 he joined Nelson Shrine Club No.1 where he is a past president and current Club Greeter. In 1972 he affiliated with Kaslo Lodge and in 1973 was installed as the WM and served twice more in 1989 and 1991. In 1998 he joined Kootenay Lodge of Perfection in Nelson, B.C. receiving his 32° that same year. To this day, Alan remains an active member of the Castlegar/Nelson Valley holding various offices. In 1991 he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of West Kootenay District No. 6 and in 1994 was elected Junior Grand Warden. Alan was installed as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of B.C. & Y in 1997. Alan remains very active in District No. 7 GLBC&Y being a

member of five Lodges, which he attends monthly. Alan became a member of the Provincial Grand Lodge of BC&Y Royal Order of Scotland in 2011.

Alan has been married to his wife Virginia (Gin) since 1959 and had two children, son Reid born 1965 and daughter Glenna born 1968. He has always been passionate about volunteering with youth sporting activities from hockey, downhill skiing to little league baseball. Alan has received the Queen's Jubilee Medal and the Exemplary Service Medal (RCMP) showing his dedication to serving our country.

Alan is a dedicated family man and friend to his neighbours, within the Craft which he holds dear to his heart. He is so dedicated that even at 89, and he still attends at least five Lodge meetings each month and has not missed an AASR Valley communication. He greets every candidate and brother with warm regards; he is always willing to listen to a brother in confidence when needed and provides sound advice and leadership to all. There is not one brother who doesn't look up to Alan within his District, much less the jurisdiction. Alan has always supported the Craft by stepping forth to help, from degrees to installations. Alan embodies what it means to be a Mason.

We, the Committee encourage that this prestigious award be more publicly endorsed through the Clarion, The Communiqué, Active Members and Deputies.

Our committee would like to acknowledge the ongoing support that we have received from the Supreme Council Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Owen T. Devereaux, 33°, Chairman
David G. Hooper, 33° Michael D. H. Farr, 33°
Gordon R. Maitland, 33° Bruce M. Jardine, 33°

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Owen Devereaux, 33°, and Bruce Jardine, 33°, that the report from the Committee on Special Awards be accepted.

**SGC:** Thank you. Is there any questions or discussion? All those in favour? Carried.

The recipients will receive their awards in their local Valleys and we look forward to hearing more information when that will take place.

Brethren, before the Honorary Inspectors-General are admitted, I want to remind you that all of our discussions up to this point are strictly confidential, and will not be discussed outside of this room. Thank you very much. So we'll just wait to see if we have some Honorary Inspectors-General joining us.

Thanks for taking the time to be with us this afternoon. It's a pleasure to have you here in Ottawa as we celebrate our 150th anniversary. We look forward to our discussions this afternoon and also spending time with you tonight at the meet and greet. I would also like to remind you that we have a number of candidates here, 53, and we encourage each of you to give them and their ladies a very warm reception. So thank you very much for joining us.

Grand Secretary-General, please read the names of those active members in attendance.

**GSG:** Sovereign Grand Commander, the Active Members in attendance are:

John L. Barr
David A. Bennett
Robert D. Brethour
Richard A. H. Brown
N. Kent Clarke
William A. Davis
Owen T. Devereaux
Jeffrey R. Dickson
Gordon L. Greasley
Stephen G. Hannah
John E. Harrison
Bruce M. Jardine
Richard E. Jones
D. Brent Julian
Allan L. Long
Joel F. MacDonald
Clive D. Stephenson
Errol A. Stewart
Alan J. Stoddart
A. Bruce Taylor
Gareth R. Taylor
Ronald J. G. Taylor
Matthew F. Todd
Steven E. Warren

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| Douglas G. Easton | Gordon R. Maitland | Orlan J. Weber |
| William C. Fitzsimmons | Terry A. McLean | Walter H. Welke |
| Paul E. Frank | Fayez Oustwani | Robert S. Whitmore |
| Graham A. Fraser | John C. Revell | Thomas A. Wills |
| Brian W. Gilkinson | Karl E. Springer | |

**SGC:** Thank you, Grand Secretary-General. Please read the name of those Active Members to be excused for non-attendance.

**GSG:** Sovereign Grand Commander, those sending regrets are

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| Harold E. Crosby | Jacques Ruelland |

**SGC**: Thankyou, and now the names of the Past Active Members in attendance.

**GSG:** Sovereign Grand Commander, the Past Active Members in attendance are:

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| William A. Atkinson | Miles R. Graham | James C. Sutherland |
| George N. Cooper | Samuel Kalinowsky | Donald D. Thornton |
| Michael D. H. Farr | Loren W. Kline | |

**SGC:** Thank you, and could you please read the names of those Past Active Members who are not in attendance.

**GSG:** Sovereign Grand Commander, the Past Active Members not in attendance are:

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| Gerald A. Chaulk | Victor Lepp | Duncan S. Skinner |
| James G. Finch | Thomas E. Lewis | H. Edward Standish |
| Stephen Godfrey | D. Ronald MacDonald | John G. Teleske |
| Allan J. L. Hadley | Marvin L. Munro | John W. Trousdale |
| David G. Hooper | Chesley R. Piercey | Michael Ward |
| Maurice Hrycyk | John A. Prosnick | Gordon S. Young |
| Rozin D. Iwanicki | James S. Ross | |
| W. Douglas Keam | Opkar S. Sandhu | |

**SGC:** Thank you. Supreme Council will send a letter to the brethren who are not in attendance, mentioning to them how they are missed at the Annual Session and give to them an update of what has taken place in Ottawa.

If I just may pause for just a second, our Past Sovereign Grand Commander, Harold Crosby, is not with us. He's at the tender age of 98 years. What I would like you to do if you can, at 4:00 on some day during our sessions, you could raise a toast to Harold. He loves manhattans or your drink of choice. Just a thought, my brethren.

Now call on the reports of the Deputies. Grand Secretary-General, have all the Deputies filed reports?

**GSG:** Yes, they have and they can be found on page 66 to 135 in the preliminary reports. I would move seconded by Tom Wills that the Deputy reports be received and accepted as distributed.

**SGC:** Are there any questions or discussion? All those in favour? Carried.

I will now call for the Grand Secretary-General's report. Illustrious Brother McLean.

Report of the
**GRAND SECRETARY-GENERAL**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

I am delighted and privileged to give you an update on your Grand Secretary-General activities, and other projects we have achieved and are exploring.

Conferences and Meetings Attended

1. MRC Annual General Meeting in Tampa Fl. January 8-9, 2024.
2. North American Conference of Grand Secretaries in Seattle, Washington on Feb. 17-21 2024. Also staffed the MRC Display Booth and attended breakout session.
3. Imperial Shrine Membership & Marketing Seminars 2023-24. A Series of four starting November 2, 2023. Attended three to date.

Future Annual Sessions

Full Session Ottawa 2024 (includes a celebration event 150th Anniversary of Supreme Council of Canada (1874-2024). Plans are being finalized.

Executive Session September 2025

Full Session Hamilton 2026. Planning Committee in place and operational under Chairman Lou Domjan.

Executive Session September 2027

Full Session Nanaimo 2028 with Planning Committee in place.

The Clarion-Winter 2024 issue was well received by membership.

In 2024/25 the focus will be on the 150th Anniversary of Supreme Council and Valley activities.

Valley Membership Committee created

To-date we have 23 assigned Valley Membership Representative to share best practices on Membership Initiatives in their Valley.

Membership Initiatives

BeafreeMason.org continues to be a successful website in attracting person of interest to learn more about Freemasonry. I continue to share the statistics from NMJ with Advisory Council and Deputies. Watching closely new NMJ campaigns “Journey On” and “Pathfinder”.

Degrees in the 21st Century

The 6th degree video is now available on the SC website along with the Instruction Manual and Playbill. This is our second in the series the first being the 8th. Looking at another video in 2024-25 and budgeted. 6th degree video distributed to A & PA’s and Valley Secretaries.

Future Initiatives Ad Hoc Committee

Under the Chairmanship of Brent Julian this committee is challenged with looking at the works of E&E Committee, Library, Degrees in the 21st Century and Communications and how can we apply current technologies going forward in the future while maintaining our traditions.

At the year end of 2022 membership in Scottish Rite Canada was approximately 9,943 members. The membership maximized the use of new technologies to communicate, connect and educate with each other.

Office

The office in Hamilton continues to work very efficiently and I extend my thanks to the efforts of COO Steven Warren, Office and Finance Administrator Leslie Drake and Office Administrator Barb Lee.

The office continues to work closely with the SGC and the Deputies to resolve any issues which might arise, and their co-operation is most appreciated.

Closing Remarks

My personal thanks go out to the SGC, the LGC, the COO, Leslie Drake and Barb Lee for their continuing guidance and cooperation. To be a successful organization teamwork, attention to detail and customer service work hand in hand and that's what we do well.

There are many other individuals whose collective efforts play an integral role in the day-to-day operations and well-being of Scottish Rite across Canada. In particular, the cooperation of the Deputies and Valley Secretaries has been most appreciated. Thank you.

Let's continue to shine light in the Scottish Rite!

Respectfully submitted,
Terry A. McLean, 33°
Grand Secretary-General

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Terry McLean, 33°, and Thomas Wills, 33°, for the acceptance of this report.

**SGC:** Are there any questions or discussion? All those in favour? Carried.

I'll call on Illustrious Brother Stoddart, our Grand Treasurer-General

**GTG:** Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander. Brethren, I have four reports and one approval. We'll be seeking one approval this afternoon. I will cover three of the reports now and the fourth, being the budget, I will discuss on Saturday morning.

The Report of the Grand Treasurer-General was given by Ill. Bro. Alan Stoddart, 33°.

Report of the
**GRAND TREASURER-GENERAL**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and brethren:

As your Grand Treasurer General, I am pleased to present the Annual Financial Statements and the Independent Practitioner's Review Engagement Report for the year ended May 31, 2024. Copies of these financial statements, which were approved following consultation with our accountants can be found in the Preliminary Reports. The Financial Statements constitute both a general and detailed report of all revenues and expenses during the year pursuant to ART. 28(c) of the Statutes and Regulations of Supreme Council.

The unaudited financial statements for Supreme Council for the year ended May 31, 2024, were reviewed and discussed in detail with our accountants Grant Thornton LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants. For the year ended May 31, 2024, your Supreme Council experienced an operating **loss of revenue over expenses before investment income, realized loss and unrealized gain on investments** in the amount of $64,512 as compared to a **loss of revenue over expenses before investment income, realized gain and unrealized loss on investments** in the amount of $27,899 for fiscal 2023.

The Statements of Operations and the related schedules of expenses, which can be found in the Preliminary Report present the results of operations for the year ended May 31, 2024 together with the comparative figures for the year ended May 31, 2023.

The Draft Budget found in the Finance section of the Preliminary Report outline in detail the results of operations for the year ended May 31, 2024 compared to the 2024 Budget approved at last year's Executive Session of Supreme Council.

General Comments

The change in our year over year increased operating loss, was , to a large extent a result of an increase in administration costs as the Office added an additional employee as well our COO was not able to adjust to a shorter work week as was planned . In addition, the Y/E 2023 operations contained a positive $28,000 from the 2022 Saskatoon Sessions.

The increased costs were partly offset by the $2.00 increase in assessments per constituent body which became payable in the last year.

The total revenue increased from $168,012 in 2023 to $212,936 in 2024. This was the result of an increase of $48,034 in dues and fees and the $2.00 per body as mentioned above.

Comparison of Expenses, i.e. Administrative, Activities, Officers and Committees increased from $196,071 (after net of Session) in 2023 to $290,718 in 2024. Administration costs reflect an increase $61,413 with Officer and committee expenses rising slightly by $5,090.

As indicated in the Trustees' Report found in the Preliminary Reports, the two investment portfolios combined aggregated $1,943,875, an increase from the previous year $1,750,978. This $192,897 mark to market gain is a positive swing of $392,000 from last year's mark to market loss of $170,000 and reflects markets reacting to the change in the outlook for significantly lower inflation allowing Central banks to lower administered rates which is resonating in Global Bond markets with higher prices and lower yields.

Financial Statements and Financial Instruments

The Financial Statements and the Financial Instruments should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements, which accompany these statements to further explain and provide additional information.

Investments

Our investment portfolios continue to be in the care of R.B.C. Dominion Securities. Supreme Council investments are in large cap companies with a long history of uninterrupted dividends and dividend increases.

The net value of the assets of the Supreme Council as of May 31, 2024 consisting of cash on deposit and cash equivalents, investments at fair value together with amounts receivable, inventory and prepaid items, less liabilities for accounts payable and fees paid in advance totalled $1,995,601 as compared to $1,896,956 as at May 31,2023.

Our investment income aggregated $100,615 for the year ended May 31, 2024 as compared to $85,143 in the prior year. The net gain on the disposal of investments during the year amounted to a loss of $700 as compared to net realized gain on the sale of investments in the prior year of $9,691. Your Trustees and Investment Advisors continue to work within the amended [2012] guidelines of the Supreme Council Investment Policy, whereby the portfolios are generally managed within a maximum of 25% / 75% split of fixed income to equity investments. The details of the investment portfolios can be found in the financial statements and in the report of the Trustees.

In accordance with ART.28 (d) of the Statutes and Regulations, your Grand Treasurer-General has submitted a draft Annual Budget for the ensuing fiscal year i.e. June 1, 2024, to May 31, 2025. This proposed budget has been submitted to the Chairman of Audit and Finance and his Committee for review and will be addressed in detail in due course and submitted for your approval.

Actions During the Year

In addition to the duties and responsibilities of the Grand Treasurer-General as outlined in the Statutes and Regulations of Supreme Council, your Grand Treasurer-General is in regular communication throughout the year with our representative at R.B.C. Dominion Securities.

In my Report to the 2023 Executive Session, I spoke of the need to update the actuary tables provided in Reg.10 in our Statutes and Regulations. The tables serve as a guide to Valleys that are managing Life Membership Trust Funds so that they can test the adequacy of Commuted Funds. This task has been completed. The tables were reviewed and updated by an independent actuary in Ontario who holds the designation and is a long-time member of the Royal Charter of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries.

The factor tables are constructed by two components namely an assumption of a real rate of return and mortality tables. The real rate of return used in the new tables is 3% which is not different from the previous assumption from 2006 when our current tables were compiled. This rate is court tested and legislated for use in actuarial work across Canada.

What is different are the mortality factors. Mortality rates have been falling steadily due to advances in medicine and medical treatments as well as changes in living standards and lifestyles - We are living longer.

Those Valleys that manage Trust Funds will notice a marked change in the results when they fill out form AF5 next year. Of our 47 Valleys 9 are Commuted Dues only while 11 are a combination of Commuted and Annual dues. I note that the 9 Valleys that depend only on the revenue from Trust Funds most are financially secure and have significant portfolios.

Your Grand Treasurer-General, the Grand Secretary-General and the Chief Operating Officer have met on a regular basis to review various matters in connection with the financial affairs of Supreme Council and other staffing and office matters. As indicated above, we have also met with our accountants, Grant Thornton, Chartered Professional Accountants to review their report and the year-end unaudited financial statements. A special thanks to our accountants Grant Thornton, Chartered Accountants, LLP for their overall assistance and interest during the year.

Special Candidates Fund

In 2005 Ill. Bro. Tom Lewis established a Candidates Capital Fund with an eye on our future needs, I am pleased to report that as a result of this fund beginning with seed money of $15,000, its current value now stands at $350,000. This amount is reported in our aggregate portfolio amounts.

It is suggested that when the fund becomes a **meaningful** amount, annually Supreme Council would withdraw a portion of the income earned by the fund for the benefit of Membership, Education, and Communication. The capital would remain intact. Accordingly, each year the fund will increase by the amount of the investment income retained in the fund, as well as the contributions made by the fees paid by the new Honorary Inspectors-General and hopefully by capital appreciation on the investments being held. This recommendation, now implemented will provide an annual renewable source of capital in the future.

In Conclusion

As Grand Treasurer-General I must thank the Sovereign Grand Commander and Supreme Council in the confidence that they have placed in me in this important role. I applaud the hard work and efforts of our Sovereign Grand Commander, Lieutenant Grand Commander, and our Deputies, of staying connected with our Valleys across Canada through their travels and the hundreds of Zoom meetings keeping our Rite vital.

In closing, I would once again wish to record a word of appreciation to all the Supreme Council staff for their loyal support throughout the year. And to all the Supreme Council brethren who have conscientiously applied fiduciary accountability in helping Supreme Council keep expenditures to budget. Your Grand Treasurer-General acknowledges the work and efforts of Ill. Bro. Steven Warren, 33°, Chief

Operating Officer, and a very special thanks to Ms. Leslie Drake of the Office of the Grand Secretary-General.

I would also like to recognize the hard work of our Audit Finance Committee under the direction of Ill. Bro. John Harrison, 33°, in its efforts to connect with and collect meaningful financial information from our Valleys across Canada.

Thank you also to Ill. Bro. David Bennett, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. Tom Wills, 33°, Lieutenant Grand Commander, and Ill. Bro. Terry McLean, 33°, Grand Secretary-General, for all their assistance rendered to the Grand Treasurer-General during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan J. Stoddart
Grand Treasurer-General

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Alan Stoddart, 33°, and John Harrison, 33°, for the acceptance of this report.

**SGC:** You've heard the report. Are there any questions or discussion?

**Ill. Bro. Easton:** Sovereign Grand Commander, Doug Easton. I want to thank our Grand Treasurer for the work that he's done this last year. Being a member of the Audit and Finance Committee, we, at least I have for the Valleys that I am responsible for, have gone through the recommendations and well I think it's going to be difficult I agree that we need to increase for life members, our assessment. The question that I have is, Valleys that have traditionally shown very strong trust funds that when I put the new numbers through that surplus that they had dropped by 60 to 70%, and I'm just looking for how we explain to the Valleys this fact and what type of process, for some Valleys that have seen their surplus wiped by 60 to 70%, they can't make that up in a year. We should probably think of a process or have a process to get them back on track, and if they don't believe they can get back on track, I can't see in our Statutes and Regulations what we're to do. And so I would suggest strongly, that perhaps a committee be struck, a special committee be struck, Sovereign Grand Commander, to look at that because I think we're going to shock some of the life member Valleys. I think overtime they can recover, but there's some that aren't going to be, and I don't know a process and looking through our statutes and regulations, how we handle this.

**GTG:** Thank you Brother Easton. I completely agree with you. Regulation 10.3 makes the suggestion that the Audit and Finance Committee meet with the Valley and suggest changes. There are only two changes you can make and that is cutting your expenses, which I'm certain that all Valleys manage their expenses quite prudentially. The only other option is to increase revenue and whether that means adding annual dues for a period of time until the Valleys do recover. I'm not sure when they constructed the Regulation 10, I don't know whether they could have put any more behind that than the other one I've just said. But I do agree with you.

**SGC:** Any further questions or discussion? All those in favour? Carried.

If you'll continue, Illustrious Brother Stoddart, with the Auditor's report.

Illustrious Brother Alan Stoddart presented the Report of the Auditor which can be found later in these proceedings under "Financial Statements & Reports".

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Alan Stoddart, 33°, and John Harrison, 33°, for the acceptance of this report.

**SGC:** Brethren, are there any questions or discussion? All those in favour? Carried.

Ill. Bro. Stoddart do you have a motion with respect to the reviewer / Auditor next year?

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Alan Stoddart, 33°, and John Harrison, 33°, to re-appoint Grant Thornton to perform our independent review next year.

**SGC:** Any discussion? All in favour? Carried.

If you would please now proceed with the Trustees' report.

Report of the
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

The duties and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees of this Supreme Council can be found in ART. 35 of the Statutes and Regulations of the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Accordingly, we submit the following report in connection therewith.

Your Board of Trustees reports that as at May 31, 2024, the net assets under its charge totalled $1,995,601 compared to $1,869,956 as at May 31, 2023. The increase in the net assets in the amount of $125,645 is represented by an operating excess of revenue over expense of $35,403 plus a year end adjustment for unrealized gain on investments in the amount of $90,242 for a net increase of revenue over expense in the amount of $125,645.

During the last fiscal year, securities matured or were sold with the result that Supreme Council realized a net capital loss of $700 compared to a net capital gain of $9,691 in 2023 together with investment income of $100,615 [2023 – $85,143]. The total of investment income and net capital loss in the amount of $99,915 was $16,915 above the budgeted amount of $83,000. The increase was due to the benefit of a full year of interest income at approximately 5% on the fixed income component of our portfolio.

Investment portfolios summary as at May 31, 2024

Cash and cash equivalents include the cash balance in the bank and brokerage firms together with the investments as outlined below:

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|---|---|
| Investments – unrestricted [General Investments] | | |
| Cash in Broker's account | 1,126 | 2,706 |
| Investments at market value | 1,599,557 | 1,462,351 |
| | 1,600,683 | 1,465,057 |
| Investments – restricted [Special Candidates' Fund] | | |
| Cash in Broker's account | 95 | 13,063 |
| Investments at market value | 344,318 | 288,627 |
| | 344,413 | 301,690 |
| Total Investment Funds | 1,945,096 | 1,766,747 |

In the past year, your Trustees and our investment advisor R.B.C. Dominion Securities conducted a review of income expectations from equity and fixed income markets. The sharp increase in rates due to Global Central Bank Monetary tightening has helped increase our income from GIC holdings. Approximately 50% of our fixed income holdings were held in a variable rate instrument which was

helpful as Central Banks were raising rates we are now restructuring to lock in those rates as Central Banks appear poised to lower rates.

Our investment mix as of May 31, 2024, was:

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash | 0% |
| Fixed income | 26% |
| Equities | 74 % |

We would also advise that all securities were held in accordance with the requirements of ART. 35 (b) of the Statutes and Regulations and income from there is paid to the Supreme Council on request except for investment income earned on the Special Candidates' Fund, which is internally restricted until such time as the fund balance and the investment income from there become more meaningful.

In the last year our Supreme Council Office withdrew $21,000 from our General Fund Portfolio. This was less than expected as a number of our budget categories came in below estimate, particularly Officers and Committees.

Adjusted for those withdrawals our General Fund had a total return of 10.65% while our Special Candidates fund had a total return of 19% as it has more exposure to equities. The return on our total holdings was 12%

General Comments

After a period of aggressive monetary tightening to counter strong inflationary pressures, Central Banks are now poised to reduce administered rates as the inflation measures are now falling within their policy bands. Bond markets and futures markets are now pricing in a number of rate cuts for the balance of the year. This should be supportive to economic growth and therefor to equity markets, especially the cyclical sector where our portfolios are positioned.

The combination of our Supreme Council investment portfolios income coupled with continued cost control measures and the increase in our Assessments implemented this past year is providing a more secure financial outlook for the next number of years.

Once again, we continue to be pleased with the services of R.B.C. Dominion Securities and their representatives. We would like to express our thanks to Mr. Ryan te Boekhorst of R.B.C. Dominion Securities for his assistance, interest and availability throughout the year. Accordingly, we would recommend the continuing engagement of this firm to provide for our investment needs.

As a Trustee and in my role as Grand Treasurer-General, I would like to thank the SGC, Ill. Bro. David Bennett, for his confidence and guidance over the past year. As well GSG, Ill. Bro. Terry McLean has served as a mentor and friend over many years for which I am extremely grateful.
Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee

David A. Bennett, 33°
Terry A. McLean, 33°
Alan J. Stoddart, 33°

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Alan Stoddart, 33°, and Terry McLean, 33°, that the report of the Trustees be accepted.

**SGC:** Any questions or discussion? All those in favour? Carried.

Thank you, Illustrious Brother Stoddart. The committee on Jurisprudence & Legislation, Illustrious Brother Gilkinson.

Report of the Committee On
## JURISPRUDENCE AND LEGISLATION

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Legislation is required by ART. 40 (d) of the Statutes and Regulations to consider all matters referred to it, with reference to proposed amendments to the Statutes and Regulations and to report to this Supreme Council accordingly.

Part I of this report covers the proposed amendments presented to the Grand Secretary-General and published in a timely manner as required by ART. 47.1 i and ii.

Part II of this report covers the Committee's report on the Allocution of the Sovereign Grand Commander.

Part III of this report covers amendments, if any, proposed at the Annual Session and which meet the requirements specified in ART. 47.1 (b).

### PART I

This year the Committee has received the following notices of proposed amendments to the Statutes and Regulations and, in accordance with ART. 47.1 (a) iii, your committee reports hereon as follows:

1. An amendment to ART. 74 (a) and Form 6, which deals with prerequisites for admission and the application form to apply for the degrees, by first, substituting a revised ART. 74 and then adding wording to Form 6, the Application for Degrees. Both are intended to reiterate the need to be a male and to clarify the means by which that can be determined objectively.
2. An amendment to revise ART. 69, which deals with meeting notices, by combining the current subsection (a) i and ii to become (a) i and renumbering it to be (a) ii, deleting (a) v, renumbering (a) vi to (a) iv, then renumbering the current subsection (b) to subsection (f) and adding new subsections (b), (c), (d) and (e).
3. An amendment to Regulation 10.2 and 10.3 regarding the amounts necessary to properly preserve a fund to generate dues related income from Life Membership Trust Funds and to evaluate the sufficiency of Life Membership Trust Funds.

**Note regarding Special Treatment of Presenting Amendments**
To present these amendments in a format which your committee hopes will make them easy to visualize and understand, existing provisions of the aforementioned Articles and Regulations appear in black type while the proposed changes appear in red type.

**Words of Caution**
Your committee wishes to emphasize that in reporting that a proposed amendment is found to be regular, it is in no way endorsing or commenting on the merits of the particular amendment but is stating only that it has been found to be regular and, therefore, open to be considered and made the subject of voting at the upcoming Full Annual Session of this Supreme Council.

**Proposed amendment to ART. 74 (a) and Form 6**
The current ART. 74 (a) reads as follows:

Except as provided in subsection (c) of this Article, every applicant for the degrees of this Rite, or for affiliation, must be a Master Mason and a member in good standing of a Craft Lodge in this jurisdiction and whose permanent residence, or whose principal residence, is located within this jurisdiction at the time of application for membership in the constituent body of this Rite. Such permanent residence shall be the place where the applicant has, by his past history, made a place of permanence in the community of Canada.

The proposed substituted ART. 74 (a) is to read:
Every applicant for the degrees of this Rite or for affiliation must be a man and a Master Mason of the full age of twenty-one years at the time of signing his application, which application shall be accompanied by a true copy of a valid unexpired identification document issued by the Canadian federal government or a Canadian provincial government or the federal or a state government of the U.S.A., containing a photographic likeness of the applicant and stating the applicant's gender and his name and date of birth as stated in his application.
Further, and except as provided for in subsection (c) of this Article, every applicant for the degrees of this Rite or for affiliation, must be a member in good standing of a Craft Lodge in this jurisdiction and whose permanent residence is located within this jurisdiction at the time of the application for membership in a constituent body of this Rite. Such permanent or principal residence shall be the place where the applicant has, by his past history, made a place of permanence in the community of Canada.

And the existing Form 6 is proposed to be amended by inserting the following immediately under the title "Application for Membership in the Valley of…":
An applicant for the degrees of this Rite or for affiliation must be a man and a Master Mason of the full age of twenty-one years at the time of signing his application, which application shall be accompanied by a copy of a valid unexpired identification document issued by the Canadian federal government or a Canadian provincial government or by the federal or state government of the U.S.A., containing a photographic likeness of the applicant and stating the applicant's gender and his name and date of birth as stated in his application.

On review your committee finds this proposed amendment to be regular.

**Proposed amendment to ART. 69 (a)**
The current ART. 69 (a) reads as follows:
ART. 69. (a) Notice of all regular or special meetings shall be given to members by the Grand Secretary / Registrar at least nine days prior thereto.

i. The notice shall be typed and sent by ordinary post to the residence of the member as recorded by the Valley.
ii. Where a member is internet connected, the notice may be sent by email instead of by ordinary mail, if the member has consented to or requested this, either in writing or by email.
iii. If an email notice is undeliverable a written notice shall be sent to the residence address listed for the member in Valley records until a valid email address for the member is ascertained.
iv. The Grand Secretary / Registrar shall keep a register of all current contact information regarding each member, including email addresses as supplied by the members.
v. Email notice shall be sent electronically to the member, the notice being an exact duplicate of the written notice of meeting.
vi. A member can revoke, by email or in writing and at any time, his consent or request to receive a notice by email.
vii. DELETED 2020

The proposed ART. 69 (a) reads as follows:
ART. 69 (a) Notice of regular or special meetings shall be given to the members by the Grand Secretary / Registrar at least nine days prior thereto.

i. The notice shall be sent either by ordinary post to the residence address of the member or by email, if the member has consented to or requested this, either in writing or by email.
ii. If an email notice is undeliverable, a hard copy notice shall be sent to the residence address listed for the member until a valid email address for the member is ascertained.
iii. The Grand Secretary / Registrar shall keep a register of all current contact information regarding each member, including email addresses as supplied by the members.
iv. A member can revoke, by email or in writing and at any time, his consent or request to receive a notice by email.

The current ART. 69 (b) reads as follows:
ART. 69 (b) The Grand Secretary / Registrar shall send a copy of every notice, by email, to the Grand Secretary-General for distribution as directed by the Sovereign Grand Commander.
The proposed ART. 69 (b) reads as follows:
(b) Meeting notices are to be prepared in a professional manner, using appropriate software which can then be distributed as a hard copy by email or, if distributed by electronic means, be included as an attachment or a link to a downloadable file in a format such as a Word or PDF document.

The proposed Article 69 (c) to read:
(c) Meeting notices are to include the following information:

i. Body proper name.
ii. Valley proper name.
iii. Statement of Allegiance.

(*proper body name)* acknowledges and yields allegiance to the Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada whose Grand Orient is in Hamilton, in the Province of Ontario.

iv. Meeting date, time and address.
v. Meeting agenda outlining each item of business, including degree work for the evening.
vi. Notice (s) of Motion when appropriate.
vii. Supreme Council Officers (giving the Office and name of Office holder).
    a) Sovereign Grand Commander.
    b) Lieutenant Grand Commander.
    c) Grand Chancellor.
    d) Provincial Deputy for the Valley.
    e) Grand Secretary-General.
viii. Presiding Officers name and contact information (phone and email is sufficient).
ix. Grand Secretary / Registrar name and contact information (phone and email is sufficient).

The proposed Article 69 (d) to read:
(d) Ballot notices must meet all the requirements of Article 69 (c) and:

i. include the following applicant information:
    a) Full name.
    b) Town or City of residence.
    c) Year of birth.
    d) Craft Lodge name and number.
    e) Lodge of Perfection and Chapter of Rose Croix membership as appropriate.
    f) Sponsors' names.
ii. not include any of the following applicant information:
    a) Mailing address.
    b) Email address.
    c) Phone number.
    d) Full date of birth.
    e) Occupation

The proposed Article 69 (e) to read:
(e) In addition to the required information listed in Article 69 (c) and Article 69 (d) i, Meeting and Ballot notices may include additional information including but not limited to:

i. Valley officer names with contact information.
ii. Valley Committees listing with Chairmen name and contact information.
iii. Valley Active and Past Active members listing.
iv. Message from the Valley Active member(s).
v. Valley Honorary Inspectors-General listing.

vi. Future dates (meetings, social functions etc.)
vii. Meeting attire.
viii. Degree information (cast lists etc.).
ix. Presiding Officer's message.
x. Grand Secretary / Registrar's message.
xi. SRCF information (Deputy award, fund raising etc).
xii. Past Presiding Officer list.
xiii. Valley John Ross Matheson Award recipients.

The current Article 69 (b), renumbered to 69 (f) remains unchanged and continues to read:
The Grand Secretary / Registrar shall send a copy of every notice, by email to the Grand Secretary-General for distribution as directed by the Sovereign Grand Commander.

On review, your committee finds the proposed amendment to be regular.

**Proposed amendment to Regulation 10.2 and 10.3**
The existing table in Regulation 10.2 reads:

| *Ages* | *Immediately* | *At Age 65* |
|---|---|---|
| | *Column A* | *Column B* |
| *21 – 24* | *$26.72* | *$3.07* |
| *25 – 29* | *$25.76* | *$3.51* |
| *30 -34* | *$24.55* | *$4.08* |
| *35 – 39* | *$23.18* | *$4.75* |
| *40 – 44* | *$21.62* | *$5.54* |
| *45 – 49* | *$19.89* | *$6.49* |
| *50 – 54* | *$18.02* | *$7.66* |
| *55 – 59* | *$16.03* | *$9.13* |
| *60 – 64* | *$13.87* | *$11.05* |
| *65 – 69* | *$11.66* | *The higher ages are shown* |
| *70 – 74* | *$9.55* | *to complete an evaluation of* |
| *75 – 79* | *$7.58* | *the sinking fund per* |
| *80 – 84* | *$5.89* | *regulation 10.3* |
| *85 – 89* | *$4.55* | |
| *>90* | *$3.48* | |

The proposed table in Regulation 10.2 reads:

| *Ages* | *Immediately* | *At Age 65* |
|---|---|---|
| | *Column A* | *Column B* |
| *21 - 24* | *$28.35* | *$3.25* |
| *25 - 29* | *$27.45* | *$3.73* |
| *30 -34* | *$26.50* | *$4.35* |
| *35 - 39* | *$25.37* | *$5.20* |
| *40 - 44* | *$24.07* | *$6.14* |
| *45 - 49* | *$22.60* | *$7.22* |
| *50 - 54* | *$20.96* | *$8.89* |
| *55 - 59* | *$19.13* | *$10.85* |
| *60 - 64* | *$17.13* | *$13.81* |
| *65 - 69* | *$14.89* | *The higher ages are shown* |
| *70 - 74* | *$12.45* | *to complete an evaluation of* |
| *75 - 79* | *$9.90* | *the sinking fund per* |
| *80 - 84* | *$7.60* | *regulation 10.3* |
| *85 - 89* | *$5.60* | |
| *>90* | *$4.10* | |

The existing table in Regulation 10.3 reads:

| *Life Members Current Ages* | *Number* | *Column A Factor* | *Number Times Factor* |
|---|---|---|---|
| *21 - 24* | *1* | *$26.72* | *$26.72* |
| *25 - 29* | *1* | *$25.76* | *$25.76* |
| *30 -34* | *1* | *$24.55* | *$24.55* |
| *35 – 39* | *2* | *$23.18* | *$46.36* |
| *40 – 44* | *2* | *$21.62* | *$43.24* |
| *45 – 49* | *3* | *$19.89* | *$59.67* |
| *50 – 54* | *4* | *$18.02* | *$72.08* |
| *55 – 59* | *5* | *$16.03* | *$80.15* |
| *60 – 64* | *9* | *$13.87* | *$124.83* |
| *65 – 69* | *9* | *$11.66* | *$104.94* |
| *70 – 74* | *6* | *$9.55* | *$57.30* |
| *75 – 79* | *6* | *$7.58* | *$45.48* |
| *80 – 84* | *3* | *$5.89* | *$17.67* |
| *85 – 89* | *3* | *$4.55* | *$13.65* |
| *>90* | *2* | *$3.48* | *$6.96* |
| | *57* | | *$749.36* |

The proposed table in Regulation 10.3 reads:

| *Life Members Current Ages* | *Number* | *Column A Factor* | *Number Times Factor* |
|---|---|---|---|
| *21 – 24* | *1* | *$28.35* | *$28.35* |
| *25 – 29* | *1* | *$27.45* | *$27.45* |
| *30 -34* | *1* | *$26.50* | *$26.50* |
| *35 – 39* | *2* | *$25.37* | *$50.74* |
| *40 – 44* | *2* | *$24.07* | *$48.14* |
| *45 – 49* | *3* | *$22.60* | *$67.80* |
| *50 – 54* | *4* | *$20.96* | *$83.84* |
| *55 – 59* | *5* | *$19.13* | *$95.65* |
| *60 – 64* | *9* | *$17.13* | *$154.17* |
| *65 – 69* | *9* | *$14.89* | *$134.01* |
| *70 – 74* | *6* | *$12.45* | *$74.70* |
| *75 – 79* | *6* | *$9.90* | *$59.40* |
| *80 - 84* | *3* | *$7.60* | *$22.80* |
| *85 - 89* | *3* | *$5.60* | *$16.80* |
| *>90* | *2* | *$4.10* | *$8.20* |
| | *57* | | *$948.55* |

Constituent Body dues = $90.00
Evaluation $948.55 x $90.00 = $85,369.50

On review, your committee finds this proposed amendment to be regular.

**PART II**

This portion of the Report will be included following a review of the Allocution of the Sovereign Grand Commander.

**PART III**

This portion of the Report will be included in the event that any amendments are proposed at the Full Annual Session and which meet the requirements as set out in ART. 47.1 (b).

Your committee expresses its gratitude to Ill. Bro. Terry A. McLean, 33°, Grand Secretary-General, Ill. Bro. Steven E. Warren, 33°, Executive Secretary, and Ms. Leslie Drake, Office and Finance Administrator, for their support and assistance throughout the year.

All of which is submitted respectfully,

Brian W. Gilkinson, 33° Chairman
Steven E. Warren, 33° Jeffrey R. Dickson, 33°
Stephen G. Hannah, 33° Donald D. Thornton, 33°

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Brian Gilkinson, 33°, and Stephen Hannah, 33°, for the acceptance of the report on Jurisprudence and Legislation.

**SGC:** You've heard the motion. Any questions or discussion?

**PSGC Brown:** Just to prove to Brian that I actually was listening.

**Ill. Bro. Gilkinson:** I can take your word for it.

**PSGC Brown:** Just for my own edification, with respect to the new regulations being proposed with a membership application form and what's required for proof of being a male, that doesn't address an existing member and whether they continue to be eligible for membership that's correct, isn't it? That was my conclusion, right?

**Ill. Bro. Gilkinson:** That is correct.

**PSGC Brown:** And with respect to the tables, and I was thinking about the consequences, really the only consequence right now, if these are adopted, is that if Valleys continue to to use those new tables some of them are going to run out of money from the trust funds and they're going to have to figure out what they're going to do to finance the Valley. That's basically what it comes down to. And if they don't take money out the trust funds or take less money out of the trust funds, so be it. It's just really guidance, isn't it? There's no real mandatory consequence.

**Ill. Bro. Gilkinson:** It gives you an actual estimation of how much the boat is leaking. Sometimes you don't notice that if you see over $1,000,000 in your trust fund, you think that's a lot of money, and it's not necessarily a lot of money and it's not going to last forever. So something has to be done and I think Illustrious Brother Easton and the Grand Treasurer-General recognized the reality that something's going to have to occur and it may well be unique to the Valley's needs.

**PSGC Brown:** Thank you. And may I say thank you for all the work you do in that. It's amazing the detail and it's necessary detail obviously and that you know I'm grateful we've got somebody of your expertise and background that to make sure that our Statutes are up to date.

**Ill. Bro. Gilkinson:** OK, there's a drink waiting for you this evening.

**Ill. Bro. Easton:** Sovereign Grand Commander, Doug Easton. I want to echo Illustrious Brother Richard Brown's comment. I think these are excellent. I have two questions. The first on Article 74, we allow a federal or state government of the U.S., we are a Commonwealth of nations with a King that is recognized, why would we not include a Commonwealth country in our regulation? So if you came from England with proper documentation, became a resident or resident of Canada, it implies that you can be a U.S. citizen. Not a Canadian citizen, but you're affiliated with the Craft lodge. I just find it difficult that we make reference to the United States of America but we don't look brethren that we have that have left Hong Kong, left a Commonwealth country. I would think that if they have valid identification from a Commonwealth country are coming as a Mason and affiliating with a Canadian lodge, that we would not reject them. And this would look to say that they would not be eligible for membership in Scottish Rite. So that's my first question. My second is, given some of the Supreme Councils around the world that we are now hearing that there are challenges with, do we want to be as descriptive as we are in this revised article? Or do we leave it as vague as our current article is, to use good judgment? Thank you.

**Ill. Bro. Gilkinson:** With respect to the first question, the reality of the situation is that we do accept affiliations from the members of Scottish Rite resident in the USA and we haven't run across an issue

where anyone else has applied for affiliation from another jurisdiction, as far as I know. Now with respect to that question, the same principles would apply if in fact, that presents itself as an issue, and perhaps it could be further amended. With respect to whether or not you want to leave it to the good judgment, that's the problem in terms of whether or not a reporter sticks a microphone in somebody's face at a meeting and said, how do you regulate or how do you determine whether or not you're male? If I identify as a male and I want to apply and she's wearing a skirt, isn't that good enough? And it shouldn't be left to the good judgment of every individual member of our Rite to try and answer those kinds of questions. And there was a decision made that if you made it an objective test, anybody, any member familiar with the Statutes and Regulations can basically say it's always been traditional in Freemasonry that you had to be a male to be a Member, and this is an objective way of determining it, and it's not us doing it on a case by case basis, it's basically taking objective evidence as supplied by your federal or provincial government, or if you hail from the U.S., the federal or a state government. I don't want to be seen to advocate for this particular amendment because I'm supposed to be neutral as the chair of Jurisprudence and Legislation. Remember that. But I do think it's preferable that we speak with one mind, one principle on this particular issue.

**Ill. Bro. Gareth Taylor:** Sovereign Grand Commander, Gareth Taylor. I have two comments, one is the amount of private information that is being collected. And the Valley, Valley Register, and Grand Secretary is now going to be potentially collecting an awful lot of private information and licenses, health cards, passports. It's more a comment, we're just all of a sudden, from the information that we would require, that personal information is now residing somewhere else and is that going to raise a problem for those who are applying?

**Ill. Bro. Gilkinson:** It doesn't have to be retained, it has to be shown as part and parcel of your application.

**Ill. Bro. Gareth Taylor:** The implication is that you need to submit a true copy. That to me, maybe it needs to be clarified, to me that sounded like you needed a copy of that information would be given to whoever is going to submit your application. That information is going to be stored. There's nothing in here about destroying that information afterwards. So I don't have an answer, Brian, but that is a concern. As far as people's privacy and information, particularly these days, things are sent digitally. I don't know how we deal with it, but it's something to be considered.

**Ill. Bro. Gilkinson:** It is.

**Ill. Bro. Gareth Taylor:** The other one, it's even a minor typo. Sorry Steve, but on page 41, Article 69 (b) in the second sentence, “can be distributed as a hard copy by email”, I believe that was to be a hard copy by mail. Because it says afterwards “comma or distributed by electronic means”. So, it's just the “E” on email should not be there. Whether you want to make that now as a note, but when you make the motion for the that to be adopted, that needs to be corrected.

**Ill. Bro. Warren:** What article was that Gareth?

**Ill. Bro. Gareth Taylor:** Article 69 (b)

**Ill. Bro. Warren:** Right. You told me that before and I didn't change it. Yes, you are correct.

**Ill. Bro. Gareth Taylor:** That was my only two comments.

**Ill. Bro. Barr:** Sovereign Grand Commander, Jack Barr, Vancouver Valley. Just curious on this Article 74 is this, or is the intent of it, to be proactive in nature or is this as a result of some action that the Supreme Council of Canada has had from one of the Valleys already?

**Ill. Bro. Gilkinson:** Well, I don't know how many Grand Lodges are considering the same situation and whether or not to take action, but I'm also a member of the Constitution and Jurisprudence Committee of Grand Lodge and I know it's been the subject of discussion. And with a view, where that committee thinks it’s better to speak with one mind than to leave it.

**Ill. Bro. Barr:** I concur, I just know it's a weird world out there. There's legislation, I think it's a good idea to have this discussion, but I was wondering; Is this an effort to be proactive and are we doing enough or is this fine? I guess it's on the table for that discussion, or I was wondering if there was actually an issue that we need to be aware of.

**Ill. Bro. Gilkinson:** It is. I don't think there's a pressing issue on this particular point, but when some kids are going to high schools, identifying as furries, and the first time I heard that I suggested, facetiously that they should put Kitty litter in the bathrooms, and I was told they already have. So, my sympathy is with the maintenance staff and my sympathy here is with the poor person that's caught unawares by somebody that wants to make an issue of this for their local television station.

**Ill. Bro. Fraser:** Sovereign Grand Commander, Graham Fraser. Just a curiosity, it reads “affiliate must be a man and a Master Mason”. Why we use man versus male. Because your identification is going to say you're male, not you're a man. So just curious why we picked man versus male.

**Ill. Bro. Gilkinson:** Well, it's a matter of semantics. I always thought a man was a male or vice versa.

**Ill. Bro. Fraser:** You never know today.

**Ill. Bro. Gilkinson:** Well, if you take a look at some of the ritual with respect to the qualifications that are annunciated in the first degree, it's usually a man, of the full age. Is that it?

**Ill. Bro. Barr:** Would any of this stand up to a challenge, a legal challenge? If somebody comes in and they identify as what and they say look, I should have a right, or are we as a fraternity entitled to dictate who we allow to join? I mean, we've got a ballot box.

**Ill. Bro. Gilkinson:** We're a private organization. We shouldn't be subject to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and I don't think there's anything in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms that specifically says a private organization cannot regulate its own members. Yep. And you'll get my bill in the morning for that consultation. Sorry for taking so long, Sovereign Grand Commander, but these have been interesting questions. Thank you.

**SGC:** Thank you, Illustrious Brother Gilkinson. We'll now call on the vote.

**Ill. Bro. Clarke:** My learned friend here. Now I just want to point out that from what I've been reading, and this is a different world, we're all trying to figure out what's happening in the world and I'm Kent Clarke, by the way, barrister and solicitor from the province of Nova Scotia. But I was looking at the Ontario requirements when it comes to changing your sex on valid Ontario Driver's license, which is one of the things that you were talking about. And if you have a letter from your doctor, who has treated you, including, that would be treatment on a, say, a sexual reassignment surgery or the like that is sufficient to change the gender on your driver's license. So I don't know what we're trying to do, but be aware that just because it says it's male there, it may not be what you think. Maybe what the doctor has agreed to do.

**Ill. Bro. Long:** Alan Long from the redneck Province of Alberta. I've thought about this at great length and in the Craft we have the ability, by the ballot box, to refuse anybody, and I know that this discussion has come up in at least one Grand Lodge where they stuck their foot out, it became public, and there was a lot of shaming that went on to the Masonic fraternity in that Jurisdiction. And you know, we as a body receive our membership from the Craft Grand Lodges. We have the ability within the Craft Lodges to defeat or reject an individual. It doesn't say that you know based on what grounds is my ability to black-ball. So, you know the issue of whether the government decides you're a man or a woman still doesn't trump our decision whether we want them in or out of the lodge.

**Ill. Bro. Easton:** I will be very brief. I think by the discussion this has raised an issue that we need to think about. I'm just not sure that we need to approve, Sovereign Grand Commander, at this point in time. And I look to the charge; If a brother is at variance in a Craft Lodge, and I look at our Craft Lodges across this great Dominion, and they will have different criteria, but the one criteria they all have is what it

takes to be a Mason and it says, at least in the ancient work, that if you are at variance with the brother, you're both to retire. I'm sure that if somebody came in, and was already a Mason, and decided to, because I was asked, we've been asked the question, they changed their sex after they were a Mason, would we still have them in lodge? and the person that came back and said, well, if they thought about their charge, that they all make, if they're going to cause variance or disharmony in the lodge, they should retire and not come. I think given that we've got that in our Craft Lodges, and then we have a ballot process for our Scottish Rite Valleys, that's all that we really need. I understand that you could be brought forward in front of a reporter, but the more we put in our Statutes and Regulations, the more that is recorded, potentially outside of our Supreme Council, and I think that's just going to lead to more questions. As I said, I think our existing regulations meet the requirements and we should leave them at that. Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander.

**SGC:** So, this motion on the floor is to accept the report only. To accept that.

**Ill. Bro. Gilkinson:** I'll restate that motion by way of refreshing memory? I move, seconded by Illustrious Brother Stephen Hannah, that the report of Jurisprudence and Legislation be accepted. And then we will deal with each of these separately.

**SGC:** All those in favour? Carried.

Lieutenant Grand Commander, will you proceed, please? With the proposed amendments.

**LGC:** Sovereign Grand Commander, there are three proposals pertaining to the previous report. First is the proposed Article 74 (a) plus Form 6 and as a reminder, this motion is to amend the Article 74 Section (a) which is to affirm membership requirement for the order. I move, seconded by Brian Gilkinson, for the adoption of the proposed amendment.

**SGC:** Is there any further question or discussion? All those in favour? All those opposed? Carried.

**LGC:** Sovereign Grand Commander, on the second motion, which pertains to proposed amendments of the Article 69 with the subsections included regarding notice of meetings and contents of notices. I moved, seconded by Steven Warren, that the proposed amendments be adopted.

**SGC:** Any questions?

**Ill. Bro. Gareth Taylor:** It's the mysterious “E” Sovereign Grand Commander, email should be mail.

**Ill. Bro. Warren:** I'll second that motion.

**SGC:** We have a motion to amend. All in favour. Carried. Now the original motion to approve the amendment. All those in favour. Carried.

**LGC:** Sovereign Grand Commander, as for the third motion, for the proposed amendment for Regulations 10.2 and 10.3, these deal with the amendments that addresses the Life Membership commutation fees and I move, seconded by Alan Stoddart, that the proposed amendments be adopted.

**SGC:** Is there any questions or discussion? All those in favour? Carried.

**PSGC Brown:** Sovereign Grand Commander, I understood the discussion about dropping the “E” on email, but was there a motion to cover Article 69 (c) (d) and (e) on page 42? I didn't hear it if there was.

**Ill. Bro. Warren:** They're all part of one motion, 69 is 1 motion.

**SGC:** Grand Secretary-General, you have some announcements.

**GSG:** The reception and dinner tonight, it’s on the 22nd floor, 6:00 reception, 6:30 dinner, attire is business suit. And there will be guests joining us in the evening. James Cole, Sovereign Grand Commander, Southern Jurisdiction, and his wife, Mary Ann. Terry Bowman, Sovereign Grand Inspector-General for Kentucky. Alan Adkins. Sovereign Grand Inspector-General for Virginia. Walter Wheeler,

Sovereign Grand Commander, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction and his wife Vickie. Richard Powell, Sovereign Grand Inspector-General in New York, and he's also our Grand Representative for Canada, and his wife, Marian. Tom Sturgeon, Grand Chancellor, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. John Boyington, Sovereign Grand Commander, England and Wales, Giles Shilson, Grand Secretary-General, England and Wales, Charles Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont, Sovereign, Grand Commander of Scotland. Ewan Rutherford, Lieutenant Grand-Commander, Scotland, and Alexander Galbraith, Grand Secretary-General Scotland. Clive Stephenson, Supreme Grand Master, Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, and Dennis O'Leary, Grand Sovereign, Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada, and his wife Betty.

Thursday reminders, men's lunch is 11:00 to 12:00 in the Ontario room. The Sovereign Grand Commander's ladies' lunch 11:00 to 12:00 in the Saskatoon room. Vesper Service is 1:00 to 2:15. Microphones for all degree participants immediately following the Vesper in the Quebec Room on the 4th floor. Line up by 2:55 under the direction of the Grand Marshall and the 33° guests are seated in the East prior to the degree. The Get Acquainted Night is tonight in the Provinces and Confederation I room from 8:00 to 10:00. Bring your dancing shoes, there's going to be some dancing.

**SGC:** Thank you, brethren, it's 3:29. I will call off this executive session until tomorrow morning at 8:30. All Actives and Past Actives are asked to report across the hall to the Governor General Ballroom for the rehearsal. Some of you may not need to be at the rehearsal very long, but it's very important that you join us there for the procession tomorrow. Thank you very much and we'll resume executive session at 8:30 AM tomorrow. Thank you.

**Wednesday, September 11 ~ 8:00pm - 10:00pm**

The Actives and Past Actives, their Ladies and Guests of Supreme Council enjoyed a dinner at "Twenty-Two" in the Ottawa Westin Hotel. Following that, a "Get Acquainted Evening" with dancing, was held in the Provinces and Confederation I ballroom for all registered members and guest. Special appearances by Ill. Bro. T. Douglas Harington & Sarah (played by Ill. Bro. Robert Keay & Johanna), Ill. Bro. William J. B. MacLeod Moore & Emily (played by Ill. Bro. Frank Groves & Diane), and Ill. Bro. John W. Murton & Sophia (played by Ill. Bro. Bryan Lawson & Ingrid), all in 1874 period costume, to remind us of the founding fathers of our Supreme Council 150 years ago. The opportunity to mingle, meet with old and new friends, our guests and to meet the new candidates and their ladies made a fitting end to a busy day, a very pleasant evening indeed.

## ►THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12◄

Thursday, September 12, 2024 ~ 9:00am
HIG Panel Discussion

Supreme Council held its first ever HIG Panel Discussion on Thursday September 12 from 9:00 to 11:00am. Over 100 HIGs attended this information session with three presenters.
Ill. Bro. Evan Woodhead, 33°, moderated and presented on the Supreme Council Library & Archives.
Ill. Bro. Scott Rowe, 33°, presented on the Supreme Council Education & Enlightenment Initiatives.
Ill. Bro. Milan Cobanov, 33°, presented on technology and unveiled the new Supreme Council Eagle.

Thursday, September 12, 2024 ~ 8:30am
Confederation III, The Westin Ottawa Hotel, Ottawa, Ontario

**SGC:** Good morning brethren. We've got a busy day today and so we'll get started. I'm just going to make a slight change. First of all, I hope everybody had a great time last night. It was remarkable to see the intermingling of everyone down at the meet and greet. It was really heartwarming, actually, because everyone was in a good mood, and despite the elevator problems, I know a few people didn't come down, a fellow I know from North Bay waited for an hour and gave up. However, it was really well done and I'd like you to thank John Lark when you see him because he jumped right on it with the hotel and got the elevators back up and running very quickly so thanks for John's leadership in that.

Over the course of the last few years, we've been concerned with our logo because it really wasn't acceptable for a number of things that we use it for, as a media file. So the Supreme Council eagle that we have used for many years was not suitable for banners and other media as it could not be enlarged without significant loss of quality. Milan Cobanov, through his business, Mind Press Incorporated, was engaged by the Supreme Council Office to update our logo in vector format to provide a very clean and scalable logo, and we'll ask Steve and Ron to unveil our new logo. This logo can be enlarged without loss of quality and an electronic copy will be emailed to all Valley Secretaries and made available on the Supreme Council website. This is the first of our logos to be updated. The other 3 will follow.

Mind Press also created 5 new vertical banners representing the three Scottish Right Bodies, Supreme Council, and the Scottish Right Charitable Foundation. These banners are on display this week here in Ottawa, and are being made available to any Valley that wishes to purchase one or more of the banners. And on a side note, they were also unveiled in Ontario at the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, at their session in July, and they were met with great success. So we thank Milan and Mind Press for all the work they've done on that. It's been a work in progress over the last little while.

So now we'll go back to where we left off yesterday and I will ask Illustrious Brother Loren Kline for the report of the Committee on Ritual please.

Report of the Committee On
**RITUAL**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers, and Brethren:

The committee started a review of the 14° as there was a wording problem on page 15 of the ritual. This review led to examining the Oath of Secrecy for the 14°, 18°, and Vow of Fidelity for the 32°. The committee also found some wording problems in the Rose Croix Installation Ceremony. The changes to the aforementioned are attached to this report and are part of the report.

The Chair of the committee was also asked to examine if dispensations for the use of selected parts of various rituals were acceptable for use in Master Mason's Nights or other "promotional" events.

Appreciation

I thank all of the members of the committee for their input on all of the matters reviewed. On behalf of the Committee, I express my sincere thanks to Ms. Leslie Drake for her valuable assistance. The Committee also thanks Ill. Bro. Steven Warren, 33°, for his assistance.

Respectfully submitted
Loren W. Kline, 33°, Chairman

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| Miles R. Graham, 33° | Gordon L. Greasley, 33° | David G. Hooper, 33° |
| W. Douglas Keam, 33° | Gareth R. Taylor, 33° | Tom A. Wills, 33° |
| Jacques G. Ruelland, 33° | Joel F. MacDonald, 33° | Stephen G. Hannah, 33° |

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Loren Kline, 33° and Thomas Wills, 33° that the Report on Ritual be accepted.

**SGC:** You've heard the motion. Are there any questions or discussion? All those in favour? Carried.

**Ill. Bro. Kline:** There are three separate motions for some changes that the committee has recommended in the report. They were all circulated previously, and so I would move, seconded by Illustrious Bother Wills, that the amendments to the wording of the oath of secrecy be approved.

**SGC:** Are there any questions or discussion? All those in favour? Carried.

**Ill. Bro. Kline:** I would move, seconded by Illustrious Brother Wills, that the amendments to the wording in the 14th degree that were circulated previously be approved.

**SGC:** Any questions or discussion? All those in favour? Carried.

**Ill. Bro. Kline:** Lastly, I move, seconded by Illustrious Brother Wills, that the wording changes to the Rose Croix Installation, that were circulated previously, be approved.

**SGC:** Are there any questions or discussion? All those in favour? Carried.

## Report of the Committee On
## **THE GENERAL STATE OF THE RITE**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers, and Brethren:

In compliance with Article 40(c) of the Statutes and Regulations of Supreme Council, your committee is pleased to submit this annual report which contains matters pertaining to the General State of the Rite throughout the jurisdiction of Canada.

The Committee is composed of the Lieutenant Grand Commander as Chairman and the members of this committee are the eleven Provincial Deputies responsible for 44 Valleys across Canada.

I have based my report on the four Sovereign Grand Commander's Initiatives, and by reviewing the Deputy reports on their respective Valleys, along with the Deputy Checklist, the new Deputy Checklist with 10 Questions for the Valley, and to a limited extent the Health Assessment Tool. I have provided an overview of the State of the Rite across Canada.

We are very fortunate to have hard working and dedicated Deputies assisting the Valleys they are responsible for. The Deputies have formed beneficial relationships with their Valleys and are able to offer support with any initiatives and discussion on how to improve operations. I recommend that all Deputies take the time to read through the reports, there is important information and ideas that can be used to assist their respective Valleys.

| Deputy Checklist National 2024 | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|
| **Membership Tools** | | |
| Using Scottish Rite Banner | 81% | 19% |
| **Leadership Tools** | | |
| Valley Improvement Plan in Place | 76% | 24% |
| Valley By-law Template | 68% | 32% |
| Grand Secretary/Registrar Orientation Manual | 78% | 22% |
| **Communication Tools** | | |
| Does your Valley have a website | 22% | 78% |
| Have you logged into the Scottish Rite website | 97% | 3% |
| Have you submitted article for the Clarion and Communique | 81% | 19% |
| Will your Valley continue to use Zoom in the future | 86% | 14% |
| **Education and Enlightenment** | | |
| Pre and Post Degree Explanations | 81% | 19% |
| Degree Playbills | 62% | 38% |
| Degree Music on the Scottish Rite website | 35% | 65% |
| Informative Papers on the Scottish Rite website | 81% | 19% |
| Have you looked at the Library Section of the SR website | 89% | 11% |
| Does your Valley have an Education Committee | 14% | 86% |
| **Deputy's Award Program** | | |
| Has your Valley ever applied | 95% | 5% |

Membership

The number of lost members in the Valleys across Canada in the 2023-2024 Scottish Rite year seems to have stabilized. Approximately 52% of the Valleys reported a decrease, it is important to understand that the majority of the decreases may only be one to five members per Valley. Some Valleys have reported many more, and they are endeavouring to ascertain what the cause is, a few Valleys have attributed lost members to purifying their membership list. A disturbing observation is that some negatively impacted Valleys are dealing with suspensions for non-payment of dues. One Valley has closed and will conduct an amalgamation ceremony this Fall, and one Scottish Rite Body has amalgamated with a neighbouring Valley. Although affiliation numbers were positive, some members were lost through attrition. On the plus side, 48% of the Valleys have reported their membership levels are stable or have increased modestly.

It remains to be seen if this increase is still a “catch-up” period from the pandemic closure of activities era, or if it is a genuine revitalization of interest in joining Scottish Rite. An optimistic theme of the Deputies reports is that many Valleys see increase in interest in Scottish Rite and some have a growing number of class sizes. Concerns about membership recruitment and retainment is a prevailing focus and it becomes even more crucial as our membership ages. Loss of Degree casts are an ongoing concern since some members have not returned to their Valleys. With time and effort by the leadership teams of a Valley, degree participation is being rebuilt with the expectation of being able to have a full complement of cast and support teams back in place. There is also a prevailing desire and expectation to engage existing members and many Valleys have developed plans to involve new members.

Making members feel they are valued contributors to their Valley is crucial, and a majority of Deputies who utilized the “10 Question Checklist” indicate that the Valley Leadership makes the effort to include their members to help solve problems and asks them what in Scottish Rite is relevant to he and his family. Valleys should engage their members and ask them what they want and expect.

Leadership

It is a common statement that our Valleys have a nucleus of strong leadership. Leadership consists of Executive Committees or Senior Officers and Grand Secretaries/Registrars, Honorary Inspectors-General, the Active and Past Active members of Supreme Council and hard-working Scottish Rite

members.  These are the brethren whose actions will contribute to the successful operation of any Valley.

Supreme Council focusses on the Sovereign Grand Commander's Initiatives: Membership, Leadership, Communications and Education & Enlightenment. By concentrating on these four major areas a template for tracking progress was developed with the use of the Deputy's Checklist. The results from the Deputies 2023 & 2024 Official Visits are registered in the chart found above.

Planning for the future is an integral aspect of the duties for the Valley leadership teams. The Provincial Deputies will need to guide and encourage Valleys to adopt a Valley Improvement Plan. For this Scottish Rite year, the report indicates that the use of a Valley Improvement Plan or long-range plan is 76% for all Valleys across Canada. This is a small decline from last year. Future programs, membership retention, recruitment and financial stability could just happen by chance, but without a strong plan with stated metrics to mark the progress and accountability of those who are charged to accomplish these goals, a Valley is subject to leaving success to chance. The Deputies will help motivate and assist those Valleys who are considering or have not yet made a Valley Improvement Plan to begin work on one. The benefits of long-range planning are considerable.

Crucial to long term viability is the need for succession planning. The Deputy reports exhibit the solid leadership we have, and the development of new officers and members will ensure the continuation of a successful Valley. Many Valleys report on the need or are actively including succession planning for important officer positions, duties, ritual work etc. in Valley Improvement Plans. The importance of this aspect of planning cannot be understated. It is incumbent upon all of us to assist with finding new members who are capable and desirous of working with existing members to learn, be mentored and develop skills to be the new Leadership of their Valleys.

We learned a great deal about Masonry during our 2-year absence. It gave us time to reflect and to prepare for the time when we could resume our labours. With those days firmly in the past, we can no longer use the pandemic as an excuse for not exploiting new opportunities for organization and growth today. The current Deputy Checklist and Deputy Checklist with 10 Questions is for the benefit of the Valley. It allows for discussion and introspection for the Leadership teams of the Valley and insight for Supreme Council to learn what is happening at the Valley level. We have developed and new Deputy Checklist with 29 questions on one document (due this Fall) that will enable Deputies to interview Leadership Teams and address the Four Sovereign Grand Commanders Initiatives of Membership, Leadership, Communications and Education & Enlightenment. The Health Assessment Tool is also under review to better enable open discussion in Valleys or to be used as a template for Valley membership surveys.

Some comments and suggestions by members via the two Deputy Checklists:

- Personal contact is the most effective means for getting information from members.
- Valley members have been invited to our Lodges for presentations.
- Talk with members – especially new members.
- Degree discussions following Reunions would be beneficial.
- Listen to the membership when asking for a response or offering thoughts on what is important.
- Masonic Lodge presentations are effective at recruitment.
- Increase of emails and social media has increased Valley participation.
- Quality of degree work is important.
- Encouraging new members involvement to combat apathy.
- Get members involved in officer and Degree work positions.
- Use a variety of communication tools (newsletter, website, text, Twitter etc.
- The Valley Improvement Plan allows for measurement of results.
- Monitor and respond to emails, monitor website traffic and attendance.
- Relevant to the member and his family by implementing more social gatherings with families and Lodges in the area.

- Pandemic made the Valley revitalize our website and newsletter.
- More education.
- Demonstrating enthusiasm is big to overcoming apathy.

In summary, the Valley Leadership Teams and Deputy involvement is absolutely necessary for the success and future of Scottish Rite in Canada. Valley Improvement Plans and transparent and open communication are necessary for long-term success.

To acknowledge an item of unfinished business from the 148th Annual Session held on September 15th, 2022, the Report of the Special Committee on Unfinished Business reported that "efforts will be undertaken during the upcoming year to review and revise the document to reflect our future needs." The draft document has been developed in conjunction with Deputy input and has been approved. A new single document Deputy Checklist will be available for the 2024-2025 Scottish Rite Masonic year for the Provincial Deputies use.

Communications

Timely, informative and frequent communication is important in any organization. Summons and other Valley communications are primarily email and postal service mail. Some Valleys have members who overwhelmingly embrace receiving emails from the Valley, and the number appears to be growing. Email is the most cost effective and immediate system that we have available, and while we are all looking to reduce expenses and time, email is the answer. At the same time, we understand that there are members who do not use electronic communications, and although they may not receive the same volume of information, the key communication of Valley Summons is mailed to them in a timely manner.

22% of Valleys that have larger membership have implemented their own websites with contact information calendar of events, articles, pictures and educational items. These websites give members the opportunity to access information. The Valleys that have larger membership have their own website, and possibly because with more members that are familiar and capable of looking after the day-to-day operation, the website can be maintained and monitored in-house at less cost.

86% of the Valleys responded that they would continue to use a virtual communication platform such as Zoom in the future. There are many practical reasons to maintain some type of virtual communications for business and executive meetings, and educational purposes. Those who do not want to drive in adverse winter conditions, or for members who may not be able to attend in person due to distance or age, virtual meetings still allow members to maintain the connection to their Valley from the comfort and safety of their homes. Another benefit is for better availability of communication between degree directors, casts, and crew for preliminary discussion in the preparation of degrees.

The Supreme Council website is an informative and resource rich tool that 97% of the Valleys reported to have accessed in the past year. A members-only section is available that will broaden the information made available to our general membership. If you have not registered yet, all you need to do his fill out the registration form and you will be contacted by the Supreme Council Office with further instructions. The Clarion and Communique are examples of professionally produced periodicals and 81% of the Valleys have contributed articles. This is a great way to get the message of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation better known, and the philanthropic work the Foundation does in promoting the charitable side of Scottish Rite.

It is interesting to note that a few of the members comments from the Deputies Reports were saying that it is important to continually improve communications. Every member appreciates the connection to their Valley and Supreme Council to obtain important news and updates.

Education & Enlightenment

A common statement that is heard from our Scottish Rite members is the "need for Education". At the Valley level, Pre and Post Degree Explanations are being used (81%). Playbills have declined in popularity (62% this year versus 74% last year). Some Valleys have developed their own playbills and do not use those supplied by Supreme Council. Either way, they provide a certain "professionalism" to the

degree. As the Supreme Council website states: “while it is not expected for Valleys to produce a Playbill for every degree they confer, the Playbill idea is an attempt to enhance the Scottish Rite experience by providing a colourful and informative ‘take away’ for candidates and members alike.” There is also much useful and concise information in the Pre and Post Explanations for the candidates and these could be used as discussion starters for the candidates and members to better understand the essence of the degree.

Degree Music on the Scottish Rite website is also available but with many Valleys’ using their own musical talent only 35% of the Valleys responding take advantage of the music provided by Supreme Council to augment the degrees.

Other extremely useful areas on the website that can be used for research for various programs are the access to “Informative Papers” (viewed by 81% of the Valleys) and the Library Section of the site (viewed by 89% of the Valleys). Educational articles and booklets such as “The Lectures of the Degrees of the Lodge of Perfection” and “The Essence of the Degrees of the Chapter of Rose Croix” are for those members who have received their degrees in those respective bodies. This also allows the reader to take the time to delve into the lectures at his own pace to better understand the lesson of those degrees.

A key opportunity for any Valley is to form an Education Committee that oversees this important aspect of the journey through Scottish Rite. Currently 25% of the Valleys in Canada have a formal Education Committee. Some Valleys report that there is continual education when the degree is conferred, or as an agenda item at a meeting, a formal committee to encourage the presentation of quality education will fill the need for the development of Scottish Rite Masons desire for knowledge.

To assist you with educational presentations or papers you may wish to write, the Library Section of the SR website has over 1000 books available on a USB stick for $25.00 available through Valley Secretaries. This is a fantastic resource for any member who wants to research numerous Masonic topics to further his education. There are also 37 excellent and informative videos called “Ex Libris” available on a large range of Masonic topics to be viewed at your convenience. If you haven’t viewed these remarkable videos produced by Ill. Bro. Evan Woodhead, 33°, yet, please take the time to watch a few. You will find entertaining and educational presentations that will take you on a journey of several interesting subjects.

Deputy’s Award

A few years ago, The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation increased the amount of funds available so that each Valley can receive an award amount of $1000 when applying for funding of a qualifying individual or organization. I am very pleased to report that 95% of the Valleys across Canada took advantage of this program to donate funds to improve or assist people and groups in our community. This is a wonderful way to showcase what Scottish Rite can do in our community and thereby practice a fundamental tenant of our order. There is a great opportunity that can help make a difference to someone with minimal effort on our part. We appreciate the efforts of the Provincial Deputies to “spread the message” to their Valleys and made the Provincial Deputy’s Award a very successful program again this year. Thank you, Deputies!

Summary

With the pandemic suspension of Scottish Rite activities fully in the past, we have reorganized and planned for the future of our Scottish Rite homes. We have renewed our dedication to improve on our traditions, ritual work and leadership to take us into the rest of the decade. While we acknowledge this has not been easy, we are optimistic that even the Valleys that are still facing challenges will overcome those problems with the assistance to the Supreme Council Leadership Teams. After reading the reports and reviewing the Deputies Checklists, please see below some key take aways we found beneficial:

- Support one another.
- Working with nearby Valleys to help each other with Degree Teams or individual members helping each other.

- Look at making Masonry more relevant to the members. Give them quality degrees and education for the time they invest.
- Renew efforts to reduce reading of parts.
- Give younger members the ability to socialize through events and activities for them to form and strengthen bonds of friendship.
- Keep the commitment to your Craft Lodge. Show them you are proud to be a Scottish Rite Mason and hopefully encourage prospective members to make the first step.
- Improve technology and communications.
- Follow up with new candidates. Engage members. Make them active members of their Valley and have them feel they are part of something special.

Recognition

On behalf of the committee, we are grateful to everyone who has provided information for this report. We wish to also thank the Active, Past Active, and Honorary Members of Supreme Council for their support of their Valleys and to Scottish Rite in general. Your leadership, zeal and dedication are very much needed and appreciated more now than ever.

We are very indebted and thankful to our Supreme Council Office for their guidance and advice: our Chief Operating Officer, Ill. Bro. Steven E. Warren, 33°; Office Administrator, Ms. Leslie Drake; Grand Secretary-General, Ill. Bro. Terry A. McLean, 33°; Grand Treasurer-General, Ill. Bro. Alan J. Stoddart, 33°; and Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. David A. Bennett, 33°.

I also thank the Provincial Deputies listed below, who tirelessly work with their Valleys and offer their advice, expertise, and time to guide and assist Scottish Rite members far and wide. It has been my privilege to work with these eleven esteemed and respected Brethren.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas A. Wills, 33°
Lieutenant Grand Commander

Committee Members - Provincial Deputies

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| Robert D. Brethour, 33° | Owen T. Devereaux, 33° | Jeffrey R. Dickson, 33° |
| Douglas G. Easton, 33° | William C. Fitzsimmons, 33° | Graham A. Fraser, 33° |
| Gordon L. Greasley, 33° | Richard E. Jones, 33° | Allan L. Long, 33° |
| Jacques G. Ruelland, 33° | Ronald J. Taylor, 33° | |

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Tom Wills, 33°, and Bill Fitzsimmons, 33°, for the Report on the State of the Rite to be accepted.

**SGC:** Brethren, are there any questions or discussion? All those in favour? Carried.

We'll now hear the Fraternal Relations report from Illustrious Brother Whitmore.

## Report of the Committee On
## **FRATERNAL RELATIONS**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers, and Brethren:

The Standing Committee on Fraternal Relations is pleased to present this report in discharge of the duty imposed upon it by Art. 40(b) of the Statutes and Regulations of this Supreme Council to keep informed with respect to fraternal relations with other Supreme Councils and Masonic Bodies throughout the world, to advise the Sovereign Grand Commander with respect to the conduct thereof and to report thereon to this Supreme Council at each Annual Session.

Since our Executive Session last year, our Supreme Council has received notices from numerous other Supreme Councils advising of changes of their Officers as terms are completed or other circumstances so dictate. As well we have been advised of issues that have arisen within some of the Supreme Councils with which we are in amity. Details of these notifications include:

Czech Republic
In November, 2023 we received notice that M∴ P∴ Bro∴ Lukas Horcicka, 33°, assumed office as the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council for the Czech Republic.

Austria
In January, 2024 we received a new Tableau of Officers from the Supreme Council for Austria announcing that S∴ M∴ Br∴ Walter Zinggl, 33°, was installed as the new Sovereign Grand Commander in that jurisdiction.

Serbia
In June, 2024 we received notice that M∴ Ill∴ Bro∴ Zoran Aleksic, 33°, was elected as the new Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of Serbia.

Switzerland
The Supreme Council of Switzerland notified us that in November, 2023 that T∴ Ill∴ F∴ Urs Weber, 33°, had assumed office as their new Sovereign Grand Commander. Also of note, Ill∴ F∴ Dominic Gaillard, 33°, was proposed as the New Grand Representative of our Supreme Council within the Supreme Council of Switzerland.

Scotland
The Supreme Council of Scotland advised us that V.P. Doctor David K. Huggan, 33°, retired from the Office of Lieutenant Grand Commander in October, 2023. This resulted in V.P. Bro. John F. Herrick, 33°, moving from the Office of Grand Chancellor to become the new Lieutenant Grand Commander. The Office of Grand Chancellor then was filled by M. Ill. Bro. Ewan R. Rutherford, 33°.

When appropriate, our Supreme Council has sent letters of congratulations and best wishes to these other Supreme Councils.

News from other Jurisdictions
From time to time, we are advised or become aware of certain developments taking place within the Supreme Councils of other Jurisdictions. While sometimes this is news of a happy nature, more often than not, it seems that we hear of disputes, jurisdictional quarrels, and unpleasant situations.

As such, we report to you with the following:

Italy
A nasty dispute has developed in Italy which has resulted in the Grand Master of the Grand Orient issuing a decree which bans its members from participating in Scottish Rite. We are aware that the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of Italy is attempting to resolve this issue; however, we do not know at this time whether an amicable resolution will be achieved. We have consulted with the Supreme Councils of England and Wales, and of Scotland, and the Southern and Northern Jurisdictions of the United States. Neither England and Wales nor Scotland recognize the Supreme Council of Italy. Both the Supreme Councils of the Southern Jurisdiction and the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States are adopting a “wait and see” approach at this time in the hope that the two sides can be reconciled. After consideration, your committee recommends that the Supreme Council of Canada also take a cautious approach and as best as can be done, monitor the situation and not take any specific action at this time. This approach by our Supreme Council will be consistent with that taken by both of the Supreme Councils in the United States.

Dominican Republic
Currently, our Supreme Council recognizes Ill. Bro. Eduardo Jabid, 33°, as the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Dominican Republic. A competing claim has been put

forward by a brother from within an alleged Supreme Council which is not recognized by us. Once again, we shall watch with concern but take no action at this time.

Greece

A long and bitter dispute has been taking place with competing claims within this jurisdiction. During this past year we were advised that a resolution has been achieved; however, we also have been advised recently that the Supreme Council of England and Wales has stated that it no longer is in amity with any Supreme Council in Greece. In our opinion it is too early to determine whether this resolution within Greece is, in fact, a meaningful and long-term resolution and, especially in view of the action taken by England and Wales, we will attempt to monitor this situation and, if appropriate, may recommend action by us in the future.

Israel

We all have watched with great concern as the dreadful war between Israel and Gaza has been waged over the past several months. We are pleased to report to you that in October, 2023 our Sovereign Grand Commander wrote to the Sovereign Grand Commander of Israel expressing our concern and hope for peace. This letter was much appreciated by the Sovereign Grand Commander of Israel who responded with gratitude to the thoughtful message communicated by our Sovereign Grand Commander.

England and Wales

On a happier note, we were advised by letter in November, 2023 that the Supreme Council of the 33° of England and Wales had, after much deliberation, reached the conclusion that its prior requirement that a candidate for membership must profess the Trinitarian Christian faith would no longer be a requisite of admission to the Order. Notwithstanding this decision however, it was decided that it would not be appropriate to remove or "water down" the Christian character of the Rose Croix 18th degree.

Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America

On February 15, 2024 we were advised that on that date The Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction voted to expel past Sovereign Grand Commander David A. Glattly from membership in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, NMJ, effective immediately. We understand that this action was taken following a lengthy and detailed investigation and it is indeed a sad event for all concerned.

Requests for Recognition

In our report last year, we advised of various requests for recognition that had been received by our Supreme Council from other Supreme Councils established in various countries. As a relatively new member of this Committee on Fraternal Relations, I confess to have found this issue as to when recognition is appropriate and how such requests ought to be evaluated to be quite perplexing. One lesson that came through quite clearly from my predecessors is to proceed slowly and with care.

With this over-arching caution, I have reviewed information provided by both the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction and the Supreme Council of England and Wales. Distilling that information into meaningful criteria, the following considerations appear to be relevant when evaluating requests for recognition:

1. There must be regularity of formation, i.e. its charter must have been received from a recognized and legitimate Supreme Council.
2. There must be regularity of membership, i.e. it must draw its members from Lodges operating under the governance of a recognized, regular Grand Lodge.
3. There must be regularity in its workings, i.e. it must adhere to the principles of the Grand Constitutions of 1762 and 1786.
4. It must be functioning in a stable manner;
5. It must be free from interference of other bodies.

While the practical application of these principles to specific cases is difficult, helpful guidance can be drawn from the approaches taken by other Supreme Councils, especially the Supreme Councils of

England and Wales and of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States.

As such, we note the following:

Albania
We received this request for recognition in October, 2022. To date very little is known of this Supreme Council; however, it currently is not recognized by England and Wales, the United States Southern Jurisdiction, the United States Northern Jurisdiction, or Scotland. Accordingly, we recommend that no action be taken on this request at this time.

Andora
This request was received in February, 2020. This Supreme Council is recognized by England and Wales and also by the Northern Jurisdiction but is not yet recognized by the Southern Jurisdiction or by Scotland. Since neither the Southern Jurisdiction nor Scotland have extended recognition, we recommend that we defer this request for some further period of time.

Azerbaijan
A request for recognition was received by us in August, 2019. The Supreme Council of England and Wales reports that it has not recognized this Supreme Council because its Sovereign Grand Commander resides outside of its jurisdiction but rather in the United States. We also note that the Supreme Council of Azerbaijan, although recognized by the Southern Jurisdiction, is not recognized by either the Northern Jurisdiction or by Scotland. Under these circumstances we recommend that we do not extend recognition, at least at this time.

Benin
This request was received in January, 2019. It is a relatively new Supreme Council and is not recognized by England and Wales or the Southern Jurisdiction or Scotland. As such, we recommend that our Supreme Council not extend recognition at this time but rather monitor its stability and long-term viability.

Gabon
This request was received in September, 2022 but this Supreme Council also is a new Supreme Council and not yet recognized by any of the above noted major Supreme Councils. Accordingly, we recommend that the further passage of time is required before any decision can be rendered on this application.

Mauritius
A request was received by our Supreme Council in December, 2017. The Supreme Council of Mauritius is recognized by England and Wales and the Northern Jurisdiction but not by the Southern Jurisdiction or Scotland. Given disparity in recognition, we recommend that our Supreme Council defer this request for recognition from the Supreme Council of Mauritius pending further consideration.

Nicaragua
Recognition by us was requested by this Supreme Council in August, 2022. At this time, we have very little information on this Supreme Council, and it has not been recognized by either England and Wales or the Southern Jurisdiction. Accordingly, we recommend that no action be taken by the Supreme Council of Canada at this time.

Slovakia
Although this request was received by us in August of 2016, and this Supreme Council is recognized by the Supreme Council of Scotland and the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction, England and Wales has advised us that the Grand Master in that jurisdiction requested that it defer recognition pending the establishment of a Concordat between the Grand Lodge and the Supreme Council. We also note that it has not yet been recognized by the Southern Jurisdiction. Under these circumstances, we recommend that action by us ought to await further clarification on this.

2024 Full Annual Session

This 2024 Full Annual Session is indeed a very special occasion as we join together and celebrate the 150th Anniversary of our Supreme Council of Canada. As we join together in the beautiful city of Ottawa, our Nation's capital, we look forward to welcoming and greeting our friends from several other Supreme Councils who join us in this joyful celebration. It is a prime time for us to cement our good relations with so many of our international friends and sister Supreme Councils. Welcome all!

Conclusion

In conclusion, your committee recommends that all communication and all actions taken by the Sovereign Grand Commander and other officers and members of Supreme Council in respect of our relations with other Supreme Councils and Grand Masonic Bodies be ratified and confirmed.

The Committee also joins in expressing gratitude to our Sovereign Grand Commander, Illustrious Brother David A. Bennett, 33°, our Grand Secretary-General, Illustrious Brother Terry A. McLean, 33°, our Chief Operating Officer, Illustrious Brother Steven E. Warren, 33°, and our Office and Finance Administrator, Ms. Leslie Drake for all their support and assistance during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert. S. Whitmore, 33° (Chairman)
Orlan J. Weber, 33° Richard A. H. Brown, 33°
Steven E. Warren, 33° Donald D. Thornton, 33°

ON MOTION duly moved and seconded by Ill. Bros. Robert Whitmore, 33°, and Donald Thornton, 33°, that this Report of Fraternal Relations be adopted.

**SGC:** Are there any questions or discussion? All those in favour? Carried.

Thank you, Rob. We'll now move to the report on the Sovereign Grand Commander's Initiative on Membership. Grand Secretary-General.

Report of the Sovereign Grand Commander's Initiatives
**MEMBERSHIP**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

Connecting is Everything!

This has been an exciting year for membership engagement in the support of celebrating the 150th Anniversary of our Supreme Council 1874-2024. Many Valleys have provided some form of celebration.

National Membership Opinion Survey 2024

As we did in 2015, we conducted another membership opinion survey in May 2024. In total 844 surveys were completed which is 8.6% of the members across Canada. The Deputies have been asked to share the results, the participation rate, and any action items with their assigned Valleys. The survey results of 2024 verifies that Supreme Council is still on the right path with our four initiatives of Membership. Communication, Leadership and Education & Enlightenment as they are still important satisfiers of the sample that responded. We thank those who took the time to respond. Your Supreme Council will continue with projects under these four initiatives.

**Member=Assess-Plan-Do-Verify. What gets measured gets done.**

New Membership Initiative 2024-Valley Membership Reps

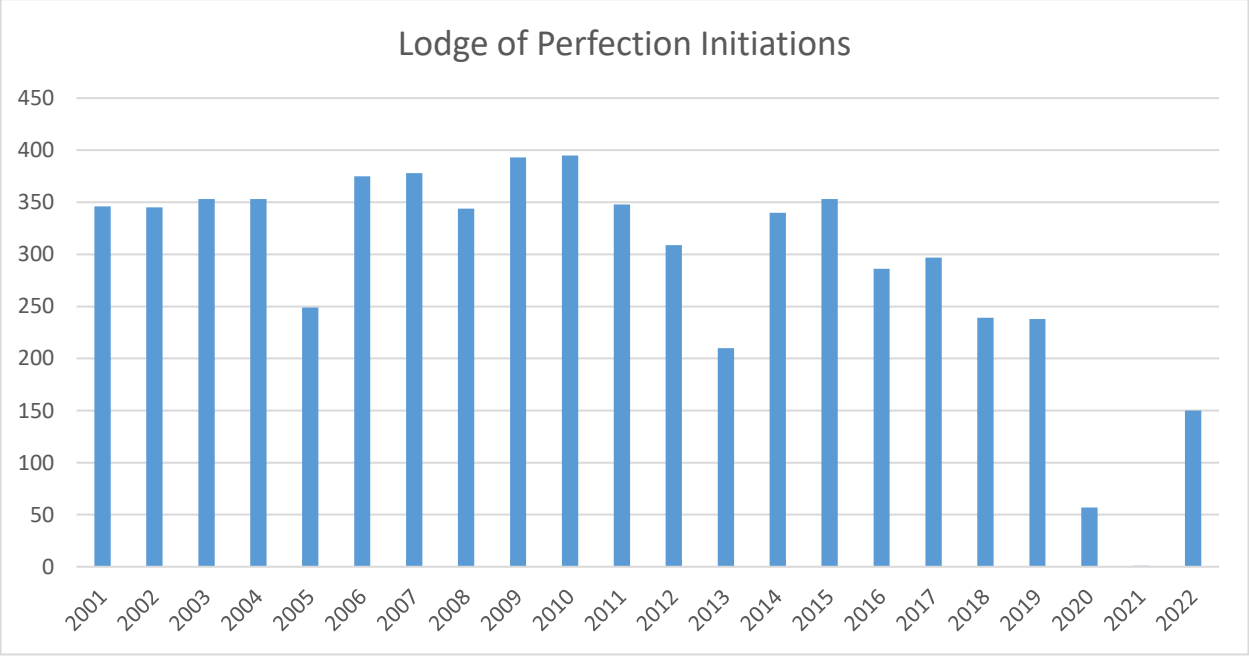
We are pleased to report that we have asked each Deputy to provide a name and contact for a Valley Membership Representative from each Valley. To date we have twenty-three assigned and will

commence virtual meetings in the Fall. The objective is to share best practices across Valleys on what is going well and what could be improved under the topic of Membership in your Valley.

<u>We have a lot of Membership Tools in our shopping cart!</u>

- The SR Membership Jewel a great tool to promote Scottish Rite Freemasonry
- The membership video-The Masonic Journey Continues
- New Membership Brochures
- The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Bulletins and Video Series.
- The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation new brochure.
- Volume Two of the History of our Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation 1985-2014
- Membership Survey Improvement Planning
- The New Scottish Rite Banner
- SGC welcome letter to new SR members on receiving their 14th degree.
- A paper on How Scottish Rite can support Craft Lodges
- Welcome to Scottish Rite Freemasonry-power point presentation.
- The good works of our Library Committee-videos now on the website
- Education and Enlightenment programs and papers on the website
- The new 8th & 6th Degree Videos
- The Valley Health Assessment Tool (HAT)
- The Deputies Checklist
- The Clarion and Communique

In the 2023 Proceedings I provided the several charts reflecting current membership data and trends made visible. **This year I would like to continue to focus on Positive Membership results with two key charts because of the Valleys using the membership tools as previously stated above.**



**2023 Statistics - Based on 2023 Returns and 2024 All Canada Conference**

| Jurisdiction | Grand Lodge Membership | Lodge of Perf. Membership | Conversion Percent | 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alberta | 5,111 | 429 | 8.4% | 9.1% |
| British Columbia & Yukon | 4,700 | 743 | 15.8% | 14.9% |
| Manitoba | 1,430 | 135 | 9.4% | 9.2% |
| New Brunswick | 2,035 | 187 | 9.2% | 9.9% |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 1,431 | 69 | 4.8% | 4.8% |
| Nova Scotia | 3,355 | 228 | 6.8% | 7.2% |
| Ontario | 27,099 | 7,203 | 26.6% | 28.4% |
| Prince Edward Island | 463 | 44 | 9.5% | 9.0% |
| Quebec | 3,000 | 329 | 11.0% | 10.0% |
| Saskatchewan | 1,784 | 306 | 17.2% | 17.2% |
| Total | 50,408 | 9,673 | 19.2% | 19.8% |
| 2022 Returns | 50,242 | 9,969 | 19.0% | |

Now these are the Rite facts, let us continue to work together on innovative concepts and solutions to enhance membership growth. We need your ideas and look forward to your thoughts.

The Membership Experience Must be A Priority- I take a quote from Commander Wheeler, NMJ

“Everything about Freemasonry in Scottish Rite Happens in the Local Valley Level.” Supreme Council needs to work with the Valleys on Educational Opportunities and on Leadership Opportunities. I would hope that Scottish Rite is a Vibrant Organization, a Relevant Organization, and an organization that continues at that time to make a Difference in people’s lives. It really is as simple as this - “32 Degrees plus Core Values equals one Extraordinary Life.”

In closing I extend my thanks and appreciation to Ill. Bro. Tom Wills, 33°, Lieutenant Grand Commander, on the Leadership Initiative and Ill. Bro. Milan Cobanov, 33°, on the Communication Committee, and Ill. Bro. Robert Brethour, 33°, Deputy for Ontario on the Education and Enlightenment Committee. Also, I am grateful to the Provincial Deputies and the Active and Past Active members for their support and communication of these initiatives in the Valleys as we journey forward together.

**Let us all Celebrate Membership Together. We are indeed “Better Together.”**

**Happy 150th Anniversary Supreme Council 1874-2024**

Respectfully submitted,
Terry A. McLean, 33°
Grand Secretary-General

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Terry McLean, 33°, and Tom Wills, 33°, that the Membership Initiative Report be accepted.

**SGC:** Are there any questions or discussion? All those in favour? Carried.

Grand Secretary-General, you can continue with the Ad Hoc committee reports.

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee On
**CENTRAL DATABASE**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

The Sovereign Grand Commander created an Ad Hoc committee to review the concept of a central membership database and present recommendations.

The Ad Hoc Committee is composed of Ill. Bros. Terry McLean, 33°, GSG, Chairman, John Teleske, 33°, Past Active Member, Evan Woodhead, 33°, Lou Domjan, 33°, Steven Warren, 33°, COO and Ms. Leslie Drake, Office and Finance Administrator.

After much research of our current CIVI CRM capabilities including expansion, our current available resources, varying skill sets, other organization's experiences, and the time and cost of this initiative, we have concluded with one dissension, this is not the right time to pursue this project.

In the future a relook may be necessary, however at this time our current system is serving a useful purpose. We will continue to look at improvements.

The recommendation to the Sovereign Grand Commander is that this initiative is not the best path forward at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry A. McLean, 33°, Chairman

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| Committee Members: | John G. Teleske, 33° | H. Evan Woodhead, 33° |
| Louis M. Domjan, 33° | Steven E. Warren, 33° | Ms. Leslie T. Drake |

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Terry McLean, 33°, and Steven Warren, 33°, that the Central Database Report be accepted.

**SGC:** Are there any questions or discussion? All those in favour? Carried.

Terry, if you can continue with the Ad Hoc Committee report on the Ritual in the 21st Century.

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee On
**RITUAL IN THE 21st CENTURY**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

The 6th degree video production was held on November 18, 2023, in the Hamilton Cathedral with the Valley of Hamilton & Woodstock Casts. It is now available for downloading on the Supreme Council website and is accessible by Actives, Past Actives and Valley Secretaries.

We continue to review our degrees with a look to the future and consult with focus groups.

We will be attending the 16th degree Valley of Toronto on November 1, 2024 with a hope to video this degree with the cast from the Toronto Valley after our visit.

We trust the Valleys who are unable to portray these non- obligatory degrees have found some value and benefit with these video productions.

This committee also reports to the newly created Ad Hoc Future Initiatives committee under the Chairmanship of Ill. Bro. Brent Julian, 33°.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry A. McLean, 33°, Chairman

Committee Members: David A. Bennett, 33° Robert D. Brethour, 33° Milan Cobanov, 33°

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Terry McLean, 33°, and Robert Brethour, 33°, that the Report be accepted.

**SGC:** Are there any questions or discussion? All those in favour? Carried.

I'll now call on Illustrious Brother Julian for the Ad Hoc Committee report on Future Initiatives.

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee On
**FUTURE INITIATIVES**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

The Future Initiatives Committee is a committee comprised of a good cross-section of Supreme Council committees. Established in 2022, it is much like a think-tank that discusses any current or new trends that may be on the horizon, and to explore these to see if they will affect us, or perhaps be used to improve our organization.

The committee met twice this Masonic year, once each in January and May of 2024. With representation from members of Communications, Education and Enlightenment, Library and Archives, and Ritual Committees, and others, this allows for excellent liaising between the committees. Any ideas generated are passed onto the appropriate committee for their consideration and discussions. Any decisions made are by these appropriate committees.

This year some of these ideas and discussions included:

<u>Communications</u>

- There have been on-going discussions on developing sub-website pages within the National Scottish Rite website for use by those who want a website presence, but do not have the resources available
- This would be strictly an opt-in only. Those with established websites could continue with theirs individually
- There were also discussions regarding the possible Valley Calendar sharing or making links available to various Valley Calendars on the Supreme Council website.
- This would enable those who wish to visit other Valleys to have easy access to information regarding upcoming events
- This information has been referred to the Communications Committee who is actively reviewing suggestions for viability

<u>Education and Enlightenment</u>

- Many may have attended the second National Education and Enlightenment Speaker's event held via Zoom on November 30th, 2023
- This event was well attended by almost 400 people from approximately 22 countries from around the world
- A further event is scheduled for Wednesday, October 30th, 2024

- This was one of the positive ideas this committee had asked the E&E committee to consider. This committee thanks the members of the Education and Enlightenment committee for their on-going support

Officers Manual & Protocol and Etiquette

- There were some discussions this year on whether there is a need to update the Protocol and Etiquette section of the Officer's Manual
- The Officer's Manual provides a great resource for many situations of P&E
- This committee had discussions around whether there is a need to update the current edition (2012) including the Protocol and Etiquette Chapter or to remove it and create a separate document
- Discussions from this committee have been referred to our Chief Operating Officer, who is currently reviewing the Manual for Officers
- Our Sovereign Grand Commander would then determine which Standing Committee this could be referred to

Open Forum Discussions

- This year the Future Initiatives Committee held an open forum discussion on technology currently being used by our youth and whether there were any positive or negative trends that could affect our future
- Current applications such as Virtual or Augmented Reality platforms are still in their infancy, but are developing quite fast and are being developed with youth in mind
- The discussions were hypothetical in nature to discuss pros and cons of developing trends
- Although it may be difficult to understand how these may affect the future, this committee did an excellent job, and will continue to watch for trends

Assistance to Valleys

- One of the on-going discussions for this committee is whether it could review any needs or trends that have developed in the Valleys of this Jurisdiction
- This committee remains committed to this task
- Our Lieutenant Grand Commander has agreed to monitor and submit any suggestions or needs from our Valleys via the annual Valley Deputy Reports
- We encourage all Deputies to include this request with their discussions with there Valleys and provide feedback to the Lieutenant Grand Commander who is a member of this Committee
- This Committee would be pleased to review any requests

Conclusion:

The Future Initiatives Committee was developed to be a place for open discussions of how future trends may help us enhance our Scottish Rite experience. It is generally thought of as a Think Tank committee discussing current and future trends, technologies, and any other subjects that are felt worthy of review. Any ideas or suggestions developed that the committee feels worthy of advancing are then forwarded to the appropriate Standing Committee or Supreme Council for their further discussions, considerations, or decisions.

It is largely a support committee to these various committees. We also offer support to the Valleys by considering any new ideas for review. If you or your Valley have any topics you would like considered you are encouraged to forward them through your Valley Secretaries or your Deputies, who can forward them to this committee for discussion. We would be pleased to assist and provide feedback.

"Success is where preparation and opportunity meet", Bobby Unger

To the members of this committee, I wish to extend my personal thanks for your dedication to this committee. Your participation, thoughts and ideas make it indeed a pleasure to be part of. Thanks and appreciation are also due to Ill. Bro. Steven E. Warren, 33°, Chief Operating Officer, and to Ms. Leslie Drake, Office and Finance Administrator for their assistance.

Respectfully Submitted,
D. Brent Julian, 33°, Chair

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| Robert S. Whitmore, 33° | David A. Bennett, 33° | Terry A. McLean, 33° |
| Gareth R. Taylor, 33° | Thomas A. Wills, 33° | Douglas G. Easton, 33° |
| Robert D. Brethour, 33° | Stephen Godfrey, 33° | Evan Woodhead, 33° |
| Milan Cobanov, 33° | | |

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Brent Julian, 33°, and Gareth Taylor, 33°, that the report be accepted.

**SGC:** Thank you, Brent. Are there any questions or discussion? All those in favour? Carried.

I'll now call on the Grand Secretary-General again for the Ad Hoc Committee report on the Supreme Council 150.

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee On
**SUPREME COUNCIL 150**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

150 years of Leadership & Vision October 16,1874-October 16,2024. A time for our Supreme Council of Canada to reflect on the Past, Celebrate the Present and look forward to the Future.

Your 150th Planning Committee began their deliberations in 2022 and have been meeting on a monthly basis. Our objective was to produce a series of first-class quality celebrations of Supreme Council's 150th Anniversary in 2023-2024 culminating at the Annual Session in Ottawa the birthplace of our Supreme Council.

What have we accomplished to date,

1. Communications of the 150th Anniversary.
   - We have delivered nine communications to the membership on a monthly basis such as MPP Bob Bailey, 33°, recognition in Ontario Legislature, History of Supreme Council, Article on Harington, 60th Anniversary of the SRCF, The Pilgrimage to the Gravesite of Col. Macleod Moore with Sovereign Great Priory and articles in the Clarion and Communique publications.

2. Events planned for Annual Session in Ottawa Sept. 11-14/2024
   - Get Acquainted Night and Dance,
   - Special Visitors Harington, Murton and Moore and their Ladies in period costume. Re-enactment Opening of Supreme Council 1874.
   - Guest Speaker Ill. Bro. John Boyington, 33°, SGC England & Wales
   - RCMP Pipe & Drums
   - Entertainer John McDermott and his Quartet at SGC Banquet
   - Full Dress RCMP Officers for photo opportunities.
   - Video interviews with SGC & Past SGC's.
   - On-site Photographers
   - Unveiling of a 150th Anniversary Portrait by renowned Artist Jack Lockhart.
   - A Supreme Council time capsule

3. Valley's celebrations in support of the 150th Anniversary of Supreme Council in Valleys of Toronto, Barrie, Guelph, Niagara, Peterborough, Edmonton, Vancouver, Sudbury, Ottawa, Hamilton, and others.

An exciting time indeed celebrating 150 years of your Supreme Council. Not many organizations get to meet such a milestone.

*Looking forward to the Future!*

Respectively submitted,
Terry A. McLean, 33°, & Steven E. Warren, 33°, Co-Chairmen

Committee Members:

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| Ms. Leslie Drake | Dave Bennett, 33° SGC | Tom Wills, 33° LGC |
| Milan Cobanov, 33° | Brian Gilkinson, 33° | Ron Taylor, 33° |
| Clive Stephenson, 33° | Alan Stoddart, 33° | Gareth Taylor, 33° |
| Doug Easton, 33° | Paul Frank, 33° | Evan Woodhead, 33° |

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Terry McLean, 33°, and Steven Warren, 33°, that the report be accepted.

**SGC:** Thank you. Is there any questions or discussion? I'd just like at this time to thank the Grand Secretary-General and the Chief Operating Officer for their work on the Supreme Council 150th to lead us in the right path and we're certainly seeing evidence of that this week. So, are there any questions or discussion? All those in favour? Carried. Thank you.

We're going to Thursday now that we've cleaned up Wednesday. So we will now call on Richard Brown with the Nomination Committee, Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General, please.

**PSGC Brown:** Sovereign Grand Commander, peers and brethren, good morning. There were two Sovereign Grand Inspector-General nominees named yesterday, Illustrious Brother David Jasper Boyd, 33°, of the Valley of Barrie, to replace Illustrious Brother John Harrison, who had requested to go to Past Active, and Illustrious Brother Adrian Cretu, 33°, Valley of Montreal, to replace Illustrious Brother Jacques Ruelland who was going Past Active by virtue of age. So, I would move, seconded by Illustrious Brother Terry McLean, that the nominations for Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General be accepted as reviewed.

**GSG:** Sovereign Grand Commander, I move, seconded by Illustrious Brother Tom Wills, that the vote be taken as a collective ballot.

**SGC:** Is there any questions or discussion on the motion for a collective ballot? All those in favour? Carried.

The vote will be Viva Voce and one negative vote shall reject a nominee, Grand Secretary-General, please take the vote according to Article 7 (d).

The Grand Secretary-General polled the Active and Ad Vitam members of Supreme Council. The result was unanimously in favour of the candidates so presented for promotion to the rank of Sovereign Grand Inspector-General.

**SGC:** Thank you, Grand Secretary-General. I declare the nominees duly elected, Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General, to be invested Saturday morning in closed session.

I will remind the Deputies to inform those elected to attend Saturday morning at 8:00 AM, they are to wear tuxedo for Crowning, and that will be in the Governor General's ballroom right across the hall. So, Bob Brethour, if you would advise David Boyd, and Fayez Oustwani, if you would advise Adrian Cretu please. Thank you.

We will now move to the report of the Nominating Committee for Honorary Inspectors-General.

**PSGC Brown:** Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers, and Brethren, yesterday I read out the names of the 20 HIG nominations. I could repeat them if necessary, but unless asked I won't. And therefore, I

would move, seconded by Illustrious Brother Terry McLean, that the HIG nominations mentioned in the report be accepted.

**GSG:** Sovereign Grand Commander, I move, seconded by Illustrious Brother Tom Wills, that the vote be taken as a collective ballot.

**SGC:** Is there any questions or discussion on the motion for a collective ballot? All those in favour? Carried.

The vote will be Viva Voce and one negative vote shall reject all nominees, Grand Secretary-General, please take the vote according to Article 16 (b).

The Grand Secretary-General polled the Active and Ad Vitam members of Supreme Council. The result was unanimously in favour of the candidates so presented for promotion to the rank of Honorary Inspector-General.

**SGC:** I declare the nominees duly elected candidates to receive the 33rd degree at the 2026 Full Annual Session, subject to interview by the Active Members. I'd just like to remind you, all present, of the confidentiality of those elected. And I would like to remind everyone, once they have been contacted and accepted, please advise our Chief Operating Officer, Steven Warren, after the interviews have been completed. If you have any questions on that, please see Steve after.

So, we will now proceed with the reports on the Standing and Special Committees. Illustrious Brother, John Harrison, the report on Audit and Finance, please.

Report of the Standing Committee Committee On
**AUDIT AND FINANCE**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

The duties of the Audit & Finance Committee are set out in Article 40 (a) of the Statutes and Regulations of the Supreme Council 33rd degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in Canada.

By-law Amendments
During this past year, a number of By-law proposals were reviewed and eventually approved. I would strongly recommend that any Valleys looking to update their By-laws in an expedient manner follow the template established by Supreme Council as closely as possible to avoid any conflicts or misinterpretations which can occur by proceeding off script.

Reviewing By-law amendments is a very detail-oriented process, and I am particularly thankful for the guidance of our Grand Chancellor, Ill. Bro. Brian Gilkinson and our C.O.O, Ill. Bro. Steven Waren for sharing their expertise along the way.

Reports of the Grand Secretary-General, Grand Treasurer General, the Board of Trustees and Auditors.
The committee has examined the reports of the Grand Secretary-General (page 24), Grand Treasurer General (page 4), the Board of Trustees (page 19), and Auditors contained in the Preliminary Reports. These reports are found to be informative and complete, and the committee recommends their adoption.

Review and Engagement Financial Statements
The full Independent Practitioner's Review Engagement Report was received on July 25, 2024. Grant Thornton reports that based on their review, nothing has come to their attention that causes them to believe that the financial statements do not represent fairly, in all material respects the financial position of Supreme Council as at May 31, 2024.

Financial Statements 2024

Notwithstanding the Reviewer's comments, we are concerned that Supreme Council continues to operate in a deficit position.

We are fortunate that our investments enabled us to utilize an investment income of $100,615, and we applaud the Organizers of the very successful Annual Session in Saskatoon which realized a profit of $28,000, however, our administrative expenses for 2024 increased by 141%.

While our membership continues to decline, our administrative expenses continue to increase. We are hopeful that this situation is a "one-off" due to the 150th Anniversary Celebrations; however, we believe that stricter financial controls are required due to inflation and declining membership. Going forward, the committee recommends that the Supreme Council principal officers should submit detailed expense reports up to the limits of the budget to the Audit & Finance Committee for review.

It's noteworthy that in the Statutes and Regulations Art. 40 (a) v. it states that "it is also the duty of the Audit and Finance Committee to prepare for consideration and approval of this Supreme Council in Annual Session a budget for the next ensuing fiscal year." This has never happened in my time in Audit & Finance, and I believe that it's time for this committee to be invited to collaborate in the creation of the budget with the Grand Treasurer-General, rather than rubber stamp a budget that we have not participated in.

Valley Reports

This year, the forms were sent out to the Valley's earlier than previous years in hopes of receiving information in a timely fashion; however, due to a number of factors many reports were received later than normal.

A number of Valley's have had a change in Secretaries and Treasurers and the new replacements have struggled with their new responsibilities, while other Valley's continue to struggle with the completion of the forms and send in incomplete returns which make it very difficult for our Reviewers to assess their situation.

Although Preliminary Reports are due June 1st, Audit &Finance doesn't receive the bulk of the Valley Reports until July. As Supreme Council staff labours in the coordination and publishing of the Preliminary reports, Valley reports which should be going to the Reviewers are set aside. There are also a number of occasions where the submissions are incomplete which delay the processing of returns as we reach out to the Valleys for information. In addition, the Financial Statements of Supreme Council are not available until late July, which means that we are unable to share any meaningful information until August.

At time of writing, we are still waiting for the receipt of six reports and continue to follow up for their completion; however, based on the information received so far the Status of the Valleys appears to have changed little from the previous year: 51% consider themselves "stable or growing" – the key word being Stable, 35% of the Valleys consider themselves "Declining, but able to recover", while the balance of the Valleys are a "going concern or status at risk".

We anticipate that further amalgamations will take place.

In order to alleviate the backlog of filing, we have four recommendations which may help:

1. The Chair of Audit & Finance will prepare a checklist to accompany the AF Reports to assist the Secretaries and Treasurers in assuring the completeness of their filings.
2. The completed returns should be sent to the Supreme Council office and copied to the Chair of Audit and Finance so that he can distribute the reports directly to the Reviewers for processing in a timely fashion.
3. The Audit & Finance Committee should set up a series of calls covering the appropriate time zones for Valley Secretaries and Treasurers to provide guidance and instruction for the proper

completion of the forms. This will also provide an opportunity to share best practices and hopefully prepare the AF Forms with greater understanding and confidence.

4. Similarly, this process should be conducted with the Deputies so that they understand our requirements and effectively communicate the necessity of filing in a timely manner. The filing of AF Forms is an important topic of discussion that should take place during Valley Reviews.

The Grand Treasurer-General shared some ideas discussed for fund raising; however, it is evident that our most successful approach to fundraising is to increase our membership and ensure that every Valley utilizes the excellent programs in place to recruit and engage new and existing members alike.

Membership Database

Last year the Committee recommended that Supreme Council explore options to upgrade our data base. Supreme Council did form an ad-hoc committee to review options and their report is listed on page 29 in the Preliminary reports.

We appreciate their considerations and hope that this issue will be re-examined in more depth in the future.

Committee

I am blessed with a committee of dedicated and talented Brethren, and I am very grateful for their support and efforts. We were also fortunate to have Leslie Drake participate in our meetings and her knowledge and insights were greatly appreciated. The Committee is always looking for new Brethren to join our group and newcomers will be very welcome.

Conclusion

In conclusion, as Chairman, I would like to express my gratitude to our Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. David Bennett; Grand Chancellor, Ill. Bro. Brian Gilkinson; Grand Secretary-General, Ill. Bro. Terry McLean; Grand Treasurer-General Ill. Bro. Alan Stoddard; Chief Operating Officer, Ill. Bro. Steven Warren; and Leslie Drake at the Supreme Council Office for their assistance and support to the Audit & Finance Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

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| John Harrison, Chair | John Teleske, Vice Chair | |
| Doug Easton | Bob Kenneway | Kendal Turner |
| James Sutherland | Brian Koivu | Bruce Taylor |
| Norm McCarthy | James Vasco | |

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. John Harrison, 33°, and James Sutherland, 33°, that the report be accepted.

**SGC:** Are there any questions or discussion?

**GSG:** Sovereign Grand Commander, I have two questions and a comment to the Chairman.

Illustrious Brother Harrison, I see in your report that you mentioned that Supreme Council administrative expenses increased by 141% from 2023 to 2024. I was very alarmed when I read this and I'm sure all of us must be. Could you take us through that on the financial statements please?

**Ill. Bro. Harrison:** I can. My comments are based on the schedule of expenses on page 12 comparing 2024 to 2023. So I'm comparing the two numbers of total expenses and you'll see the increase is 41% higher than the previous year. So, it's 100 + 41%.

**GSG:** OK. Thank you. You then mentioned that stricter financial reporting be implemented and that Supreme Council Senior Officers submit detailed expense reports up to the limits of the budget. Don't you mean over the limits of the budget?

**Ill. Bro. Harrison:** Well, I think it's important that… I'll make 2 points.

Number one is, we don't participate in the budget, although we should by the Statutes and Regulations. I think it's very important that we understand the nature of those expenses and how we will benefit from those affairs. It's good that we know and understand the purpose of the expenses, over and above that would certainly require further explanation. The point we're making is, we have a finite amount of resources. We have for years operated in a deficit position. But we need to be in a better position in the event that we are blindsided by some future event which might restrict our income.

**GSG:** In addition to this, Supreme Council had a discussion last year concerning this when Illustrious Brother Easton asked what is the sign-off with respect to expense overages? Our Financial Policy Statement has since been revised that the Grand Treasurer-General has been added to the sign-off on overages. The involvement of Audit and Finance was taken to Advisory Council and unanimously they agreed that the role of Audit and Finance is to review and report and not to be part of policy making. Can you explain the reason you feel that Supreme Council leadership needs further oversight in this issue?

**Ill. Bro. Harrison:** Certainly. Well, again I'll go back to Statutes and Regulations, which declares that we should be part of the budget process. And reviewing and reporting, you know, we can do this every year and nothing happens and we find ourselves in a potential dilemma when, you know, the economy may turn and our funds become limited and we have to stretch. So, I think there is a responsibility to report to us so we understand exactly what the nature of the expenses are and the necessity of them. And that's, to my mind, that's part of our reporting process. But if we're not communicated with that, then we just look at the numbers and report what we see.

**GSG:** Your report then states that Article 40 provides that Audit and Finance has a duty to prepare for consideration and approval a budget for the next ensuing year. I've read Article 40 several times and it clearly states the role of Audit and Finance is to examine and report. I would also like to make clear that Audit and Finance does not rubber stamp, Advisory Council does that. And the only other comment I'd like to make is I totally agree with your comment around the cycle time of the AF form reporting and the office is going to take a very serious look at that and we're going to have a member of your Committee on that study as well. Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander.

**Ill. Bro. Harrison:** If I may just make a point, Article 45 states: it is also the duty of Audit and Finance Committee to prepare for consideration and approval of the Supreme Council and annual session of a budget for the ensuing fiscal year. I mean, that's what it says, and I'm going to, later on, second the Grand Treasurer-General's motion that we accept the budget for next year, but that's a formality, I mean, we took no part in that and that's not meant as a slight to anybody, it's just pointing out the fact that we probably need to clarify and clean up our process a bit so that everybody's on the same page.

**Ill. Bro. Warren:** Sovereign Grand Commander to Illustrious Brother Harrison. Could you clarify what article you just referred to please?

**Ill. Bro. Harrison:** Article 5.

**Ill. Bro. Warren:** Article 5. Thank you. I heard Article 40.

**Ill. Bro. Harrison:** Sorry, Article 40 (a) Section 5 and I just typed it out verbatim from there.

**Ill. Bro. Warren:** OK, so it says; Article 40 (a) Subsection 5. Review the budget for the upcoming fiscal year as prepared by the Grand Treasurer-General.

**Ill. Bro. Harrison:** It says; The duty of the Audit and Finance Committee is to prepare for consideration and approval of the Supreme Council in Annual Session, a budget for the ensuing fiscal year.

**Ill. Bro. Warren:** We have different set of Stats and Regs.

**Ill. Bro. Harrison:** OK. That may be, but that's what mine says.

**GSG:** We've got a copy up here for you.

**SGC:** Illustrious Brother Brethour.

**Ill. Bro. Brethour:** Robert Brethour, Sovereign Grand Commander, peers and brethren. Illustrious Brother Harrison has reported a lot about the financial status of our Supreme Council. I actually was going to bring this up yesterday during the Grand Treasurer-General's report, but we never did talk about the budget. On the first page of the Treasurer's report, comparison of expenses, Administrative Activities, Officers, and Committees increased from $196,000 in 2023 to $290,000 in 2024. That's a $94,000 increase. Because of several factors, including a rare profit from the Saskatoon session, the actual 2024 year-end loss was about $65,000. That's still a lot of money. Having reviewed the Treasurer's report and and the budget, I fully recognize that many of the expenses would fall into the category of the cost of doing business. There are a couple of items which I would like to point out however. The budget for expenses for Administration in 2024 was $105,000. And the budget for 2025 is $137,000, an increase of $32,000. The actual expense in 2024 was $125,000 at year end, not $105,000, due in most part to the hiring of another employee. There may be a plan to reduce that expense in the future, but a $32,000 increase is a pretty big hit for an organization that just lost $65,000. The other area which might reduce our operating deficit is travel expenses for attendance at other Supreme Councils and conferences.

According to information provided by the Grand Treasurer-General, attendance of these events in 2023/24 included; the Masonic Renewal Committee meeting in Tampa, attended by the Grand Secretary-General; the Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries, again the Grand Secretary-General; the All Canada Conference of Grand Masters, attended by the Sovereign Grand Commander; the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction biannual session, Sovereign Grand Commander, Lieutenant Grand Commander, Grand Secretary-General, and two spouses; the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, biannual session, Sovereign Grand Commander, Lieutenant Grand Commander, Grand Secretary-General, Grand Treasurer-General, and two spouses; the retirement celebration for Peter Samiec, Grand Secretary-General; and the International Shrine Ceremonial, Sovereign Grand Commander and spouse. There's never any consultation regarding these trips and expenses, but there should be. Is it really necessary to have 5 or 6 people attend some of these events? Certainly we should have a presence, but we should limit the number. Also, I'm not sure of the value of sending a delegate to the MRC in Tampa. I believe this committee also meets the very next month at the Grand Masters / Grand Secretaries Conference. The 2025 budget does show a slight reduction in attendance at special events expenses, mainly because there are no sessions in the United States this year. Moving forward, I think international travel needs to be very carefully examined. It won't erase a deficit of $65,000, but it will show that Supreme Council is serious about controlling costs. Thank you.

**SGC:** Thank you. Are there any other comments or discussion?

**Ill. Bro. Warren:** Sovereign Grand Commander, just for clarification, I think it's important to understand that when we visit the Southern Jurisdiction and the Northern Jurisdiction for their annual sessions, we do not pay for accommodations or registration. We are guests at those events, so our only expense is travel. Sometimes they will drive, other times they will fly. Those are important events for our Supreme Council to be represented and the cost to attend is minimal. Those events also happen back-to-back so there’s one travel expense, attend both events, and return home. Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander.

**SGC:** Are there any further questions or discussion? Hearing none, I will call for the vote. All those in favour. All those against. Carried. Thank you, Illustrious Brother Harrison.

Lieutenant Grand Commander, could you see if Illustrious Brother John Militello could come back into the room, please?

We will now call for the report on Communications from Illustrious Brother Gareth Taylor.

Report of the Special Committee on
**COMMUNICATIONS**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

The Communications Committee met on January 30 and May 30, 2024, and will meet again in the fall of 2024. Our focus again is primarily on effective communication with:

- SR membership
- Non-SR Masons (especially MMs)
- The public

We will again revisit and pursue the following initiatives:

- Communique
- Clarion Magazine
- Valley Contacts
- Social Media
- Branding and Marketing Materials

150th Anniversary Event Support
We explored various ways to support the 150th Anniversary event with monthly social media posts featuring historical blurbs, videos, and bios of historical figures.

Websites
Discussions included creating web presences for Valleys lacking them. Options are integrating pages into the Scottish Rite Canada website or using self-sufficient solutions like easy-to-use content management systems.

- General Website Guidelines: We emphasized providing guidelines for Valley websites to maintain brand consistency, offering templates and user-friendly software like Wix or WordPress with style sheets and content suggestions.
- Multi-Site Management by Supreme Council: Creating sub-pages under the Scottish Rite Canada website for each Valley was discussed, with the Supreme Council handling domain registration and hosting at minimal cost. Valleys would receive login credentials to populate their content.
- Valley Database Integration: We discussed a central database for member information across all Valleys. This system's success depends on consistent data entry by Valley Secretaries, though concerns were raised about the effort required.
- Centralized Calendar System: A shared calendaring system like Google Calendar for Valley and Supreme Council websites was discussed. It requires buy-in from Valleys to update calendars consistently.

Membership Recruitment Campaign
The target audience is Master Masons. Methods include videos, posters, social media, and Lodge Summons inserts. The key message will highlight how Scottish Rite complements the Craft Lodge experience. The campaign will launch before Christmas, and we will review and update the Master Masons night best practices document and the Scottish Rite brochure.

Clarion Magazine
Challenges with article submissions and poor-quality photos were addressed. Solutions include firm submission deadlines, clearer photo guidelines, and a seminar on photo quality.

Supreme Council Celebration and MPP Bob Bailey Statement

The Supreme Council celebration received significant attention, highlighted by MPP Bob Bailey's statement and was to be sent to Valleys for distribution: https://vimeo.com/951207902

Transcript: https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/house-documents/parliament-43/session-1/2024-05-09/hansard#P483_107489

Social Media Metrics

- Reached almost 7000 people
- Positive engagement overall
- Will keep posting and creating content to spread SR messaging and eventually brand
- Would need a push from other Valleys to send or share content with us

Social Media Content and Strategy
Successful posts included Graham's Deputy Awards. Members are encouraged to share stories for social media, the Communique, and the Clarion magazine. Positive feedback has been received.

Social Media Management
Timely sharing of event photos on social media is emphasized. Volunteers to help manage social media accounts are welcomed. Branding materials will be made easily accessible on the Supreme Council website.

Membership Recruitment
Recruitment efforts at various Craft Lodge locations were successful via various communications strategies. The 150th anniversary branding was well-received. The outdated Scottish Rite brochure is being considered for updates in order to appeal to the MM of today.

Current Social Media Status
- Facebook: almost 7,000 followers
- Instagram: only 231
- Target audiences: Master Masons, the public, other stakeholders
- Goals: Grow followers and likes organically and try a paid advertising campaign (budget permitting)

Demographics and Reach
Facebook followers: 95% male, 5% female. Discrepancies in demographic data collection were noted.

Content Sharing and Support
The Valley of Castlegar/Nelson's new Facebook page shared the Supreme Council video and is a perfect example of working together in communicating SR messaging across social media. Suggestions included sharing content from the BC Learning Centre and a historical booklet, with assistance offered to Valleys in finding digital versions and providing high-quality images.

New Scottish Rite Eagle Logo
A new logo is being developed (Consistory, Rose Croix, Lodge of Perfection and others to follow) and once complete, and the committee plans to make it available for download, with branding guidelines developed, including standardized colours, typeface, and style recommendations via SR website.

Branding Guidelines
Creating branding guidelines is a priority. A small team of graphic designers who are Scottish Rite Masons will be sought. Approval from the Sovereign Grand Commander will be sought post-summer, including estimated budget, timelines, etc.

Conclusion
This committee is committed to continue enhancing the Supreme Council's online presence, supporting Valley events, and promoting membership through strategic communications, social media use and updated branding guidelines.

Action Items for Fall 2024
- Investigate using the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction's "Journey On" campaign as a template.
- Determine which Grand Lodges allow advertising of appendant bodies within Craft Lodges.
- Circulate the "Masonic Journey Continues" video to all members.
- Ensure bilingual recruitment materials (French and English) are available.
- Update the outdated Scottish Rite brochure with new images and language.
- Committee to meet in person during Supreme Council Sessions in Ottawa.

Respectfully submitted,

Ill. Bro. Milan Cobanov, 33°

Committee members:

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| Doug Crawford, 33° | Bill Cave, 33° | Allan Long, 33° |
| Joe Angel, 33° | Gordon Greasley, 33° | Gareth Taylor, 33° |
| Kevin McKaye, 33° | Jacques Ruelland, 33° | Graham Fraser, 33° |
| Kent Clarke, 33° | Clive Stephenson, 33° | Bill Davis, 33° |
| Jack Barr, 33° | | |

ON MOTION duly moved and seconded by Ill. Bros. Gareth Taylor, 33°, and Kent Clarke, 33°, for the adoption of the Report on Communications.

**SGC:** Are there any questions or discussion? All those in favour? Carried.

I'll call on the report on DeMolay from William Atkinson.

Report of the Special Committee On
**DeMOLAY, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

Annually the Scottish Rite of Canada offers three $500.00 scholarships to assist the members of DeMolay Canada in attending the DeMolay Training Course of their choice. Distribution of the awards are as follows:

One each for Western Canada (B.C., Alberta & Manitoba), Central Canada (Ontario & Quebec), and the Atlantic Provinces (New Brunswick, PEI & Nova Scotia).

At present there are no DeMolay chapters operating in the Atlantic Provinces and the jurisdiction, while still active, is only an administrative body.

DeMolay in Canada has not yet recovered from the Covid shut down and operations have shrunk to Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta. They are working on restructuring BC. But at the moment none of their chapters are operational.

The Committee on DeMolay – Leadership Development has recommended to Supreme Council that the yearly budget of $1,500.00 be allocated to DeMolay Canada to be used at their discretion for attendance of the members to DeMolay Leadership Conferences.

The Key Man Conference (KMC) in PA, USA is an example of the Leadership Training available to the aspiring DeMolay. They have trained thousands of new DeMolays, Chapter Officers, Jurisdictional Officers and Advisors from all over the USA and Canada. They have the opportunity to get real, in-depth DeMolay training in their choice of a Major course study, such as Membership and Brotherhood, Leadership and Chapter Operations, Ritual and Performance, and more. The work culminates in development and presentation of a final project, demonstrating the knowledge and experience the participants gained.

The motto of the Key Man University, Ancora Imparo means “I am still learning.”

The important lessons of Key Man University is that we are all still learning in some capacity, whether in our Chapters, on the job, at home, or otherwise.

Ancora Imparo fits well with the purpose of DeMolay, and with the spirit of the Key Man University. What have you learned today?

There are 8 conferences held across the US. A number of the Alberta DeMolay have attended the Pacific Coast conference in Northern California.

Respectfully submitted,
William A. Atkinson, 33°, Chairman
Richard A.H. Brown, 33°  Ernie Loiselle, 32°, Member of the Board, DeMolay Canada

ON MOTION duly moved and seconded by Ill. Bros. William Atkinson, 33°, and Richard Brown, 33°, for the adoption of the Report on DeMolay, Leadership Development.

**SGC:** Thank you. Are there any questions or discussion? All those in favour? Carried.

The report on Education and Enlightenment committee, Robert Brethour.

Report of the Special Committee on
**EDUCATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren.

*"The mission statement for the Education & Enlightenment Special Committee of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada is to provide a comprehensive and cohesive collection of Masonic educational tools to be published on our website and to be utilized in AASR Valley meetings and instructional workshops throughout Canada. The standardization of the valuable lessons, history and principles of our Rite will strengthen our communication and increase its availability to all members of our jurisdiction."*

The Education & Enlightenment Committee was formed in 2015 following the Annual Session held in Windsor, Ontario. Sovereign Grand Commander Terry A. McLean created this special committee to complement the existing Supreme Council initiatives of Communication, Leadership, and Membership. This was in answer to a clear demand for increased education by our membership.

The committee was Chaired by Ill. Bro. Robert Brethour, 33°, from 2015-2019 and Ill. Bro. Stephen Godfrey, 33°, from 2019-2023. Ill. Bro. Brethour reassumed the Chair in September 2023. The committee would like to sincerely thank Ill. Bro. Godfrey for his strong leadership during his term of office. Ill. Bro. Godfrey remains on the committee as a valued team member.

Since its inception, the committee has created various programs and initiatives for the benefit of our membership. These include:

- The establishment of an Education & Enlightenment section on the website of Supreme Council
- Pre and Post Degree Explanations for all degrees
- Playbills for all degrees
- A power point presentation entitled 'Welcome to Scottish Rite Freemasonry'
- Music for all degrees
- A large number of video files
- Two research books by Ill. Bro. Roderick Jones entitled 'Stone and Mortar' and Trowel and Sword'
- A 'Chat Conversation' created by members of the committee examining 'The Ascent up The Mountain of Truth'
- Degree Discoveries for the 4-14 Degrees
- A National Virtual Education webinar

All of this material is available on the website of Supreme Council, either in the E&E section or in the Members section.

There is a significant amount of educational material available in the E&E section on a broad range of topics, suitable for personal education or for use in a group education setting;

The Pre and Post Degree Explanations can be utilized in conjunction with the conferral of degrees, or as a take away handout;

The Playbills are a colourful handout containing information about the degree, apron, collar, and symbols along with space for a cast list;

The Welcome to Scottish Rite Freemasonry power point is an explanation about Scottish Rite and the SRCF suitable for use in Craft Lodges or at Masons Day events;

As many Valleys no longer have an organist, music for all degrees is available to enhance the experience at our meetings;

A large number of videos are available, including the Ex Libris series by Ill. Bro. Evan Woodhead, 33°, now a member of this committee;

For those looking for a more in-depth examination of Scottish Rite, the research books by Ill. Bro. Jones, the Chat Conversation, and the Degree Discoveries all provide an opportunity for members to investigate;

And finally, the very successful 2023 National Virtual Education webinar on 'Knights Templar, Rosslyn Chapel, and Freemasonry' will become an annual event featuring world class presenters.

Initiatives currently underway include:

- An ongoing initiative is the compilation of Valley Histories, which will again be available on the website of Supreme Council
- Work is underway to create Degree Discoveries for the Rose Croix Degrees 15 - 18
- A new Chat Paper is being undertaken on the 5th Degree symbol 'Three Circles encircling a Cube on the Crossed Columns'

- The development of a Resource List as a guide for Masonic reading and research is underway
- The creation of short videos to be used in conjunction with written material is being investigated
- A Leadership Course for Valley Officers is under consideration, in conjunction with Supreme Council and the SGC
- A longer-term goal will be the creation of a booklet of 3 - 5-minute articles on various topics for educational opportunities

In summary, the Education & Enlightenment Committee has accomplished a great deal since its inception, and it is committed to continuing to strive to enhance the Scottish Rite experience for our members. We have welcomed several new members over the past couple of years, bringing additional talent to an already talented group. On a personal note, I would like to thank all members of the committee for their dedication and hard work, and also to the SGC and Supreme Council for their willing assistance with this committee.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Brethour, 33° (Chair, Barrie ON)
Matthew Clark, 33° (Victoria BC)
Gordon Greasley, 33° (Winnipeg MB)
Cory Imppola, 32° (Edmonton AB)
Michael Millard, 33° (North Bay ON)
John Revell, 33° (Windsor ON)
Jacques Ruelland, 33° (Montreal QC)
Evan Woodhead, 33° (Hamilton ON)
Joseph Angel, 33° (Saskatoon SK)
Stephen Godfrey, 33° (Victoria BC)
David Hooper, 33° (Charlottetown PEI)
Brent Julian, 33° (Niagara ON)
Paul Miller, 33° (St. John's NL)
Scott Rowe, 33° (Barrie ON)
Donald Thornton, 33° (Hamilton ON)

ON MOTION duly moved and seconded by Ill. Bros. Robert Brethour, 33°, and Gordon Greasley, 33°, for the adoption of the Report on Education and Enlightenment.

**SGC:** Thank you. Are there any questions or discussion? All those in favour? Carried.

I will now call on the Lieutenant Grand Commander for the report on Library and Archives.

Report of the Special Committee On
**LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

It is our privilege to present this annual report for 2023-24.

Introduction
As a reminder, the Supreme Council Library now operates as a Reference Library, with an emphasis on outreach through electronic media. Rather than a book lending program, we are focused on producing electronic content relating to the library, which the Supreme Council office posts on a public web page: https://scottishritecanada.ca/library/. We hope that in this way the library can provide value to our members throughout the jurisdiction. Our full catalogue is also on the website and physical access to the collection is available to any member of the Rite by appointment. In addition, we will arrange appropriate access to support reasonable research projects by other researchers (Freemasons or not).

Activities and Accomplishments This Year
As of this writing there are 38 Ex Libris video segments posted on the website. Awareness of the videos continues to increase, and we are hopeful that this will help to position Scottish Rite in the minds of Master Masons as a productive place to seek further light.

In an effort to reach a broader audience we have initiated an experimental series of videos, limited to 5-7 minutes in length. This obviously allows for only a very cursory treatment of the topic. For those who wish to delve deeper, each video is paired with a custom reading list on the same subject.

- Ex Libris episode 36 is on The Chevalier Andrew Michel Ramsay and his famous “Oration”. This episode is also framed as a 150th Anniversary edition, celebrating the starting point of the High Degrees (or at least what many authors have cited as the starting point…)
- Ex Libris episode 37 is on Masonic Symbolism, including the intriguing hints of connection between Freemasonry and occult traditions of the Renaissance (Hermeticism, Rosicrucianism,). Before you dismiss it out of hand, check out the reading list—this connection was taken very seriously by Albert Pike, Robert F. Gould, George W. Speth, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, and of course Albert Mackey.
- Ex Libris episode 38 is on The Art of Memory, which shows some practical elements of Craft Masonry in a new light, and is also another entry point into research into connections between Freemasonry and other esoteric philosophical disciplines.

In addition, we continue to offer new Reading Lists on specific Masonic topics through the Supreme Council website. Reading List #5 was released this year, listing books on Scottish Rite. Also released this year, Reading Lists #6, #7, and #8 are paired with Ex Libris video episodes 36, 37, and 38 as described above.

It has been our pleasure this year to assist several committees and individuals by sourcing historical material to support their research and Masonic Education efforts.

Cross-participation with other committees, especially the Education and Enlightenment Committee is proving very effective. The deep expertise of E&E members has been extremely helpful in the development of recent videos and reading lists.

Fund-Raisers

Both the e-Library and the regalia case are still proving popular, particularly when we offer them for sale in venues where Scottish Rite Masons gather in large numbers. They are available for Valley Secretaries to order through the Supreme Council office.

Plan for the Next Year

During the next year the committee plans to continue cataloguing new books in the library, and producing electronic material for publication via the website, including new Ex Libris videos and additional Reading Lists. We are also initiating work to identify duplicate materials in the library and separating those materials to free up scarce shelf space and undertaking measures to protect the most unique and valuable items in the collection from fire and water damage. Finally, we are seeking contact with a representative in each Valley that maintains a library of its own, to explore possibilities for assisting and supporting each other.

In Conclusion

Once again, we are grateful to the Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. David A. Bennett, 33°, and the Grand Secretary-General, Ill. Bro. Terry A. McLean, 33°, both of whom have been active supporters and promoters of our program.

And as always, we are most appreciative of Ill. Bro. Steven E. Warren, 33°, and Ms. Leslie Drake for their support throughout the year, for maintaining the library page on the Supreme Council website, as well as for the positive and encouraging atmosphere they maintain. It is always a pleasure to work with them.

Respectfully Submitted,
H. Evan Woodhead, 33°, Chairman
Thomas A. Wills, 33° Gareth R. Taylor, 33° D. Brent Julian, 33°

ON MOTION duly moved and seconded by Ill. Bros. Tom Wills, 33°, and Brent Julian, 33°, for the adoption of the Report on Library and Archives.

**SGC:** Thank you. Are there any questions or discussion? All those in favour? Carried.

I will call on Illustrious Brother Stephenson for the report on the Clarion.

Report of the Special Committee On
**THE CLARION**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

Another year and another successful edition of the Clarion this past December.

As in past years, the Clarion committee received a variety of excellent articles to illustrate the healthy nature of our Rite. The Committee would like to acknowledge the contributions of those who took the time to submit articles and tell the story of the Rite in Canada; without their input, we would not have a Clarion publication.

In addition, appreciation goes out to the editorial board, the production team and to the un-wavering support of Supreme Council and in particular our Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. David Bennett, 33°, and Ill. Bro. Gareth Taylor, 33°, President of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation. The latter two being very much instrumental in continuing to drive the publication forward to maintain the high standards of previous issues.

Once again, I want to highlight the efforts of the Clarion "team" and the commendable positive interactions between the members of that team. The team has many different facets and all of these are important in ensuring the overall quality of the final product.

The only outstanding issue revolves around the timing of the distribution of the magazine. We have traditionally targeted the period just prior to Christmas for the magazine to be in the hands of our members and again this year we had some difficulty in fully meeting this target. The timeline for receiving the articles, editing, layout, production and mailing is such that we cannot really start the process until after the summer call-off. We tend not to have the articles in hand until mid to late October and the process after this is such that making the pre-Christmas distribution target somewhat difficult; the Christmas season being a busy time for Canada Post and those involved in the final preparation of the publication. This issue will be a major topic for discussion for the Committee prior to the winter 2025 publication process starting. It may be that a distribution target date in early January might take much of the pressure off the latter part of the process. If Christmas is still the desired distribution time, rest assured that adjustment to the process will be implemented so that the publication is in the hands of the membership in a timely fashion.

The Supreme Council Session in Ottawa in September 2024, which is the 150th Anniversary of Supreme Council, will be one of the main focusses of the next edition of the Clarion, in that a milestone occasion such as this needs to be recognized. That is not to say other, non-150th, articles are not desirable, rather these will be included as they help to tell the whole story of our Rite.

To share events in a timely manner some of these celebratory 150th Anniversary events are being communicated through the Communique publication which should be released in July 2024, but there will be many more lead-up celebratory events that will be communicated in the Winter 2025 edition of the Clarion. And of course, there will be the 150th Session itself, which will, I am sure, be one of the best stories ever to grace the pages of the Clarion.

Your Clarion Committee would like to encourage every member of the Rite to consider contributing to your magazine. Talk to your Valley and tell the good stories we know exist. This will serve to promote your Valley and therein, promote the Scottish Rite.

As Editor-in-Chief of the Clarion, it continues to be both an honour and a privilege to serve Supreme Council in this capacity and I look forward to the challenges ahead, safe in the knowledge that the "Clarion Team" will, as they always do, get the job done.

Respectively Submitted on behalf of the Scottish Rite Clarion Team

Clive D. Stephenson 33°,
Editor-in-Chief, Clarion Magazine

Editorial Board:
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Gareth R. Taylor, 33°, President of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation
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ON MOTION duly moved and seconded by Ill. Bros. Clive Stephenson, 33°, and Harold Welke, 33°, for the adoption of the Report on The Clarion.

**SGC:** Are there any questions or discussion? All those in favour? Carried.

Report on the Communique, Illustrious Brother Gareth Taylor.

Report of the Special Committee on
**THE COMMUNIQUÉ**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

The focus of the Committee is the production and circulation of the *Communiqué* as a way of providing additional and timely information to the brethren across the country.

This year's edition focused on Valley events recognizing the 150th Anniversary of Supreme Council, Provincial Deputy Awards, long service recognition of Members and other notable Valley events. We are very appreciative of all of the articles submitted from across the country for this edition which we hope made for interesting reading.

The Summer 2024 edition of the Communiqué was circulated to the Actives/Past Actives and Valley Grand Secretaries/Registrars in July. We would like to thank the Grand Secretaries/Registrars for distributing the Communiqué to the members of their respective Valleys.

The Committee would like to thank Ill. Bro. David Bennett 33° for his support, encouragement and suggestions for the *Communiqué*.

Respectfully submitted

Gareth R. Taylor, 33° Chairman Clive D. Stephenson, 33° Co-Chairman

Milan Cobanov, 33° Roger Tumminieri, 32° L. Craig Wolverton, 32°

ON MOTION duly moved and seconded by Ill. Bros. Gareth Taylor, 33°, and Clive Stephenson, 33°, for the adoption of the Report on The Communiqué.

**SGC:** Are there any questions or discussion? All in favour? Carried.

I will now call on Illustrious Brother Hannah for the report on unfinished business.

Report of the Special Committee On
**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren.

Upon review of the Proceedings of the 149th Annual Executive Session held September 13, 2023, the following items of unfinished business were noted.

1. In the Grand Treasurer-General's Report, on page 16 of the Proceedings, and again in his detailed report on page 84, he addresses the need to review the actuary tables that are provided under Regulation 10 of the Statutes and Regulations and update them with new mortality rates. While this is an item of unfinished business, it should be noted that, as of the writing of this report, the Grand Treasurer-General has proposed an amendment to Regulation 10 to update those tables. If adopted, this item will be completed.

2. On page 17 of the Proceedings, during discussion of the budget for fiscal 2024, Ill. Bro. Doug Easton raised a question regarding the approval process for budget overruns and his concern that people would be approving their own budget overruns. This concern was tabled for consideration by the Audit Finance Committee, the Sovereign Grand Commander, Grand Treasurer-General and Grand Secretary-General to develop a policy on the approval of budget overruns. We have learned that the Financial Policy Statement for Supreme Council was reviewed to address this matter. The Grand Treasurer-General was added as a required authority to approve budget overruns. This completes this item of business.

3. In the discussion (pages 22-24 of the Proceedings) following the Report of the Standing Committee on Audit and Finance, concerns were raised regarding the insurance requirements for Valleys and the concern that some Valleys may be overpaying for insurance. This was referred to the Advisory Council for a policy review and clarification. In November 2023, following that policy review, the Sovereign Grand Commander issued a letter of direction to all Provincial Deputies stating that "The present programme of providing commercial general liability insurance to Supreme Council and its constituent bodies continues to be endorsed by the Advisory Council and will continue in its present form." This completes that item of business.

4. In the Report of the Standing Committee on Ritual (pages 34 and 35 of the Proceedings) motions on proposed amendments to the 7th and 10th degrees were tabled. These motions will have to be dealt with at the next annual session, following review by the Committee.

5. In the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Central Database, it was stated that work on this project is ongoing, but "To date a recommendation to the SGC has not been made, pending further research and study ..." It should be noted that in the Audit and Finance Committee Report (on page 21 of the Proceedings) on the subject of "membership database" it was stated that "The Committee agrees that upgrading the Council database is a priority ...". The status of this project seems to be at the same point as reported at the previous annual session in 2022. This warrants a follow-up report at the next annual session.

6. In the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Degrees in the 21st Century (page 44 of the Proceedings) it is stated that "Work on this committee is still in progress and a recommendation will follow to the Sovereign Grand Commander." This warrants an update report as to the "recommendation" at the next annual session.

7. In the Report of the Standing Committee on the General State of the Rite (bottom of page 49 of the Proceedings) regarding an intended review of the Provincial Deputy Checklists during 2023, the Chairman reported that "At this time, there has been no review or revision. I will initiate a

review with the SGC, GSG and Deputies for the year 2024." This warrants a follow-up report at the next annual session.

This Committee wishes to acknowledge the tremendous work and dedication of the members of the many committees that spearhead the efforts and programs of Supreme Council to provide leadership and benefits to all members of the Scottish Rite. Many of those projects take considerable time, research and final implementation efforts. The work of this committee serves as a "reminder" – to prevent unfinished business items from falling through the cracks and delaying the important work of those committees.

The members of this Committee wish to thank the Sovereign Grand Commander for entrusting us with this task.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen G. Hannah, 33°, Chairman
Marvin L. Munro, 33° Karl E. Springer, 33°

ON MOTION duly moved and seconded by Ill. Bros. Stephen Hannah, 33°, and Karl Springer, 33°, for the adoption of the Report on Unfinished Business.

**SGC:** Are there any questions or discussion?

**Ill. Bro. Easton:** Sovereign Grand Commander Peers and Brethren, Doug Easton, and the only reason I rise to ask a question is item 2, page 17 of the proceedings mentions me. It also says how the concern with regard to the budget was to be dealt with, and it's inaccurate. It says that consideration over overruns, this concern was tabled for the consideration of the Audit and Finance Committee, the Sovereign Grand Commander, Grand Treasurer-General, and Grand Secretary-General, to develop a policy and we heard this morning that that was done by the Executive Committee, not the Audit and Finance Committee, and I think it goes to the point where Audit and Finance is not given the information it needs in order to effectively report to our Supreme Council. The current state of finances and expenditures of our Supreme Council. So, I'd like to see this report corrected in the proceedings to reflect what actually happened.

**SGC:** Thank you. Any further questions? All those in favour of the report. Carried.

Grand Secretary-General, do you have a motion for the next two annual sessions?

**GSG:** Sovereign Grand Commander, I move, seconded by Tom Wills, that the 2025 meeting will be an Executive Annual Session, conducted by teleconference or other such means as determined by the Sovereign Grand Commander and as permitted by Article 5 (c) of the Statutes and Regulations, on Wednesday, September 10, 2025. The next Full Annual Session will be hosted by the Valley of Hamilton at the Hamilton Sheraton Hotel with events being held at the Hamilton Convention Centre, Christ Church Cathedral, and the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Hamilton, Ontario. The Vesper service will be Thursday, September 17, 2026. The formal opening will be Thursday, September 17, 2026, and the Chain of Union will be Saturday, September 19, 2026.

**SGC:** I'll call for a report from the Deputies meeting. Illustrious Brother Long.

**Ill. Bro. Long:** Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren. It is my pleasure to present this report. This meeting only happened yesterday morning so you don't have it in your your booklet. The Deputies all met, with the exception of Deputy Jacques Ruelland, and the discussion was very good and very varied.

First discussion was dealing with the nomination, or the percentage of HIG's in the Valleys which varies from those under 75, 15% down to 1.2%, I believe, and so around the table discussion came to the result that there was no action really required other than just the general information and it helped the Deputies in deciding how those Honorary Inspector-General nominations would come forward.

The next topic came as a result of the 2022 Sessions in Saskatoon, and brought up by some of the deputies that the process in the nomination of officers is, and I quote “the waters were muddied”. The Special Committee on the Nomination of Officers is in the hands of a few and the Deputies are left outside of that loop. As a result of that, the recommendation is coming forward that the Sovereign Grand Commander in his selection of the committee, as detailed in the Statutes and Regulations, Article 20 (b), that the Sovereign Grand Commander include at least one Deputy and another Active Member who is not a senior officer of the Council.

The chairman of the Committee of Special Awards was there and mentioned that the Deputy should, and then of course, this is all of us, should look at the John Ross Matheson award that if a nomination comes forward and is not accepted that does not mean they are not qualified. It just means that there is a limitation on the acceptance, and those nominations should come forward in the future years.

Members from the Audit and Finance Committee brought forth the issue of the lagging of reports and so one of the recommendations that came forward is that the Financial Reports from the Valleys come forward not just to the Supreme Council, but also be directed at the same time from the Valleys to the Chairman of the Audit and Finance Committee. They look forward to that receipt and can expedite the the process. They're also offering their assistance to any Valley Secretaries and Grand Treasurers to help in the process.

One of the last comments that came out of the meeting was actually very effective and across the country discussions and that we should continue this. So, it's a decision of the Deputies to continue this on a quarterly basis, done by Zoom and Illustrious Brother Doug Easton has offered his expertise and organizing that meeting on Zoom and we will continue that in the future.

Respectfully submitted Alan Long and I move the acceptance of this, seconded by Illustrious Brother Graham Fraser.

**SGC:** Are there any questions or discussion? All those in favour? Carried.

Grand Secretary-General, are there any announcements?

**GSG:** Yes, there are Sovereign Grand Commander. 11:00 to 11:45 there will be a luncheon for the Active and Past Active Members and Guests in the Ontario Room, third floor. 11:00 to 11:45 the Sovereign Grand Commander’s, Ladies’ luncheon in the Saskatchewan Room, third floor, hosted by Aurore Bennett. The Sovereign Grand Commander and the Lieutenant Grand Commander will attend to welcome the ladies.

1:00 PM to 2:15 the Vesper service is at the Christ Church Anglican Cathedral. The guests and the HIG's wear tuxedo, no jewels. The Actives and Past Actives are morning suit, no jewels, only the Sovereign Grand Commander wears jewels. All members and ladies should wear their name tags. The buses will be at the front door of the hotel starting at 12:00 PM. Please head out early. There are close to 500 of us and we can't bus that many people in 15 minutes. The Grand Marshal will line up the Actives and Past Actives, the Guests and the ladies. Please note the marshaling area is in the Great Hall.

From 3:00 to 5:00 PM, the formal opening of the 33rd degree in the Governor General Ballroom on the fourth floor. Name tags are required for all attendees. Active members, you may leave your Officer collars in the Governor General ballroom if you wish, when going to the Vesper service.

Members of the 150th Committee, we'll have a photo taken at the end of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation banquet this evening.

Active members participating in the degree, no later than 2:45 you will need to report to the Quebec Room on the fourth floor. Put on your collar of Office and all other regalia before getting your microphone. Get your microphone and mic check. All Actives and Past Actives will Marshal in the Governor General foyer prior to the degree. You will receive instructions from the Grand Marshal, and a

reminder, there will be a formal recession following the degree. Those are the announcements Sovereign Grand Commander.

**SGC:** Thank you very much, Grand Secretary-General. We will now adjourn the executive meeting until 8:30 tomorrow morning, and that will be in the Governor General Ballroom.

We've got quite an active schedule tomorrow morning, a lot of fun things going on as well so we thought we'd start a little earlier at 8:30. So I trust that meets with your approval and I look forward to seeing you throughout the balance of the day. We've got a lot of things to do today, so have a great one. I would thank all the committee chairs for their reports. We appreciate their input and I will adjourn this meeting. Thank you very much.

Thursday, September 12, 2024 ~ 1:00pm

The Rev. Dr. Gordon R. Maitland
Grand Prior

**CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL – OTTAWA, ONTARIO**

Hebrews 11.1-16
Psalm 72.1-8
Luke 20.20-26

*Our Service to the Nation, and to God*

*May the words of my mouth, and the meditations of all our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. Amen.*

As we celebrate the sesquicentennial of Scottish Rite Masonry here in our nation's capital, and not far from the buildings which house our country's government, I think it is only appropriate to ask, as Masons, what is our duty to our country in light of the duty we owe to God? Is our service to the nation related to our service to God, or are the two obligations separate and distinct?

In light of the Gospel reading we just heard, one might be tempted to assume that what we render to Ceasar is indeed separate and distinct from what we render to God. But such an interpretation of this text is clouded by contemporary ideology designed to reinforce a militant secularism which seeks to banish religious faith and conviction from the public sphere. I want to be so bold as to suggest that this is not what our ancestors would have had in mind when this Dominion was first formed in 1867, and it is not what would have been assumed by our Scottish Rite brethren who inaugurated the first Supreme Council 150 years ago. I am going to assert that our duty to Canada as citizens of this great country is indeed related to the duty that we owe to our Creator, and that this is what our Scottish Rite ritual and ceremonies assume as well.

It is worth noting that there is already religious language scattered throughout our national symbols. Our National Anthem includes the phrase, "God keep our land, glorious and free …"; the Royal Anthem, "God Save the King," is really a prayer for the Sovereign; and our coins mention God as well - on the obverse, beside the portrait of the late Queen, is the abbreviation D.G. Regina: *Deo Gratia Regina*, By the Grace of God, Queen. The moto under the Canadian Coat of Arms says in Latin: *A Mari Usque Ad Mare*, meaning "From Sea to Sea." This moto was drawn from Psalm 72 verse 8, which was just read in our service: "He [God] shall rule from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth." And the most intriguing example of all is the moto for the Order of Canada, the highest honour this nation can confer upon its citizens, which says (in Latin): *Desiderantes Meliorem Patriam*, meaning, "They Desire a Better Country." This moto was derived from the Book of Hebrews 11.16, which was also read this afternoon, and which says, "But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one."

It is here that we are confronted with a paradox. The "better country" that the recipients of the Order of Canada desired is presumably the nation state of Canada. But in in its original biblical context, the "better country" desired by Abraham and the ancient saints that preceded him is explicitly stated to be a heavenly one. Was the adoption of this biblical verse for the Order of Canada a perversion of the original text, or is there a more profound meaning to be found here?

I want to suggest that the wisdom being conveyed to us by our ancestors in choosing a phrase from Hebrews 11.16 as the moto for the Order of Canada is that the only true vision of a better temporal, earthly country, can only be understood when our minds and hearts are fixed on a heavenly one; that is to say, that realm which is the abode of God and the heavenly rest of the saints who have preceded us. Why is that? Because a nation which is conformed only to the narrow temporal aspirations of human ideologies can only end in tyranny – the imposition of one person's will to power upon another. But a

nation conformed to Divine precepts such as love, truth, beauty, and the good of all, will indeed be a nation fashioned for human flourishing and the betterment of its citizens.

Let me return to the Gospel passage and the words of Jesus that we should render unto Ceasar the things that are Ceasar's, and unto God the things that are God's. The answer that Jesus gave on that occasion was not just a clever retort that confounded the Pharisees, but rather a profound statement about our humanity and our relationship to God. To more fully understand the deeper meaning of what Jesus is saying, we need to consider what he says about the coin the Pharisees show him. He doesn't ask them what the value of the coin is – that is ultimately unimportant – but rather he says, "Whose head and whose title does it bear?" Of course, the coin has a portrait of the emperor and his name inscribed around it, just as we have on our coins today a portrait of the late Queen and her name inscribed close to the edge. Since the coin has the Caesar's image and name on it, it belongs to him: "Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's."

If we follow this logic, then what belongs to God are the things that bear God's image and God's name. But what is that? What do the scriptures say? If we look at Genesis, chapter one, verse 27, it says this:

> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. *[Genesis 1.27]*

So human beings bear the image of their Creator, and thus to render, "unto God the things that are God's," means that we are to offer ourselves back to the One whose image is implanted on our souls. In other words, by offering our lives in service to God, we are doing what Jesus asked us to do, to render "unto God the things that are God's."

How exactly this is lived out will be different for every individual according to their circumstances, their means, their abilities, and their responsibilities. But for each and every one of us, sacrificial giving means putting the common good ahead of our own selfish desires; it means being generous in order to please God and not in order to impress our neighbours and friends. Finally, it means giving of ourselves with an eye to the future, giving in a way that will benefit generations yet to come.

All of this is to suggest that there is not a strict divide between the sacred and the secular, but rather a recognition that the secular finds its proper place within the larger, over-riding claim of the sacred. Some of the lower service of Caesar is itself a part of the higher service of God and thus we can and should seek those things of Caesar which also promote the Kingdom of God, and the good of our neighbour. Thus, for example, government legislation that protects the marginalized and the vulnerable, and social programs that assist the poor and the disabled, are surely worthy of our support as citizens and as people who respect God's commandments.

For those Scottish Rite Masons who are going to be made Honorary Inspectors-General today, you will find that you are asked to renew your duty to God, to your country, and to your fellow human beings. What I hope I have made clear in this sermon is that there is no conflict in these respective duties, but rather they are on a spectrum or continuum of the multitude of duties incumbent upon us all. By keeping your vision fixed on the heavenly country to which we ultimately aspire, you will be the better enabled to be citizens who envision a better country here and now for benefit of its people.

*Thanks be to God!*

*Ill. Bro. The Rev. Dr. Gordon R. Maitland 33°*
*Grand Prior, Supreme Council 33° A. & A. S. R.*

## Formal Opening ~ Conferral of the 33°

The Formal Opening and the Conferral of the Degree of Honorary Inspectors-General was held in the Governor General Ballroom, The Ottawa Westin, Ottawa, Ontario on Thursday, September 12 at 3:00 p.m. in accordance with Art. 17(b) of the Statues of Supreme Council.

The Candidates and Guests had been admitted before the Opening. Guests with their 33° who were admitted prior to the Opening were seated in the East.

The 33° was conferred upon 53 candidates

Safar Alikhani
Terence Mark Anderson
Francis Paul Astles
Morven Reid Barclay
Garry Wayne Brooks
Kenneth Edward Campbell
Daniel William Chamney
David Alan Costain
Keith Austin Deighton
Hugh Norman Donnelly
Eric Duchesne
Richard Burton Ferguson
Paul George Finch
Kyle Elton Gibson
Rodney Neil Holmes
Randall Stephen Richard Hutchinson
Carl Melvyn Ignatius
David William Jaenen
Robert Evan Jameson
Jeffery Lloyd Johnson
Siavoche Kahkeshan
William Burton Lee
Jean-François Legault
Jeffrey Martin LePage
Herbert Roger Lochbihler
Reijo Allan Luoma
Neil Frederick McIsaac
Gary Brian McKeown
Kenneth Brian Meyer
William Douglas Mitchell
Justin James Ollerich
Thomas Fredrick Peddle
David John Plyley
Terence Earl Porter
John Marshall Quinn
Ralph Gordon Rayner
Earl Leo Schneider
Brian Shimmons
Glen Allan Simpson
David Mario John Squarzolo
James Allan Stickney
Robert Strelaeff
Donald Earl Stutt
Raymond Tardy
Roy George Teniuk
Brian Lloyd Teskey
John Keir Thomas
Adam Edward Thompson
Douglas Robert Tomlinson
Len Walsh
Christopher Michael Wiwchar
Lyle Craig Wolverton
Charles Edward Yorke

The representative candidate was Ill. Bro. Glen Allan Simpson, Valley of Ottawa.

Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Banquet
Thursday Evening, September 12, 2024

The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation's Banquet was held at the Westin Ottawa Hotel, in the Provinces and Confederation I / II Ballroom at 7:00pm with Ill. Bro. Gareth R. Taylor, 33°, President – Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation, presiding.

Ill. Bro. Robert Wilson, 32°, piped the Special Guests and Directors into the Ballroom.

Following the toast to the piper by Ill. Bro. Gareth Taylor, 33°, the blessing was offered by Grand Prior, Ill. Bro. The Rev. Dr. Gordon R. Maitland, 33°.

Following the singing of the Royal Anthem, the President toasted the King and the Craft. He then offered a toast to the Office of Head of State of Jurisdictions Represented.

The President then welcomed everyone to the SRCF Banquet.

Following dinner, the evening unfolded with the following:

**Introduction and toast to the Class of 2024:**
Ill. Bro. Steven E. Warren, 33°

**Speaking on Behalf of the Class:**
Ill. Bro. Neil F. McIsaac. 33°

**Special Awards**
Ill. Bro. Gareth R. Taylor, 33°

**Introduction of Guest Speaker**
Ill. Bro. Richard E. Jones, 33°

**Guest Speaker**
Roy MacGregor, O.C.

**Thank You to Guest Speaker**
Ill. Bro. John G. Lark, 33°

**Final Remarks**
Ill. Bro. Gareth R. Taylor, 33°

**Closing Prayer**
Ill. Bro. The Rev. Dr. Gordon R. Maitland, 33°

**O Canada**

**Piper**: Ill. Bro. Robert Wilson, 32°
**Pianist**: Ill. Bro. Kenneth C. Adamson, 33°

Address of the Newly Coroneted Honorary Inspectors-General
By Ill Bro. Neil Frederick McIsaac, 33°, Valley of Moncton

Sovereign Grand Commander, Illustrious Brethren of the Supreme Council, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Brethren;

It is with profound honour that I get to speak today on behalf of the class of 2024. Ill. Bro. Steven Warren, thank you for your warm introduction and toast. It truly makes us feel welcomed and honoured as new Honorary Inspectors-General.

To our gracious hosts, the Valley of Ottawa, and to the Organizing Committee – To be in the nation's capital for the 150th anniversary of the Supreme Council of Canada, what an amazing event! Thank you all for your dedication and excellence in ensuring the success of this year's meeting.

I also wish to convey our deep appreciation and respect for the Illustrious Brethren who participated in the conferral of the 33rd degree to our class, and further to all of the Honorary Inspectors-General that helped guide us to be here with you today; Your passion and commitment inspire all of us to strive harder, improve ourselves, and, most critically, to become the exemplary role models in our Valleys as you have been for us.

Within the revered bounds of the Scottish Rite, role modeling extends beyond mere influence; it forms a covenant with the future. It is the silent promise we make to uphold cherished values, lead by example, and impart our Craft's lessons to brethren who will follow. This duty has been demonstrated by the Supreme Council members in our home Valleys nationwide. As newly admitted 33rd degree members, we now shoulder the responsibility to safeguard that sacred trust, represent the Scottish Rite's principles, and be the standard-bearers for Masons everywhere.

Our example has a profound impact, inspiring future Masons to seek excellence, face challenges bravely, and pursue their goals relentlessly. We've followed great role models, and now we return home with the duty to be better role models ourselves. We must demonstrate that with dedication and commitment to our principles, achieving greatness is possible.

Furthermore, our influence reaches beyond our Lodges and Valleys into the broader community. We are charged with the noble task of uplifting society, of being the change we wish to see in the world, and of fostering a legacy that transcends time and space.

I would be remiss if I did not also express gratitude for role models outside our fraternity, including family and friends, many of whom are present today. Our parents, spouses, friends, and families have shaped us long before we became Masons. To you all, for your support and your love, thank you!

In closing, may we all continue to serve as beacons of influence, role models shaping the future, and guardians of the virtues that define us.

Thank you.

# ►FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13◄

**SGC:** Brethren we will now resume the labours of Supreme Council. Ill. Grand Prior, please attend at the altar.

Good morning brethren. It's good to see you all this morning. Grand Secretary-General, you have a motion I believe.

ON MOTION duly moved and seconded by Ill. Bros. Terry McLean, 33°, and Thomas Wills, 33°, all reports published in the preliminaries or as amended be approved.

**SGC:** Brethren, you've heard the motion, are there any questions or discussion? All in favour? Carried.

Grand Master of Ceremonies, you can proceed.

**GMoC:** Illustrious Sovereign Grand Commander, it is my pleasure to introduce to you and to all the brethren present, Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Jamie R. Ireland, Grand Lodge of Ancient and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

**SGC:** Thank you Grand Master of Ceremonies. Grand Master, it is an honour and a privilege to welcome you into our Supreme Council. I will invite you to sit in the East, first perhaps you have a few words that you would like to address to the brethren.

**GM Ireland:** Good morning brethren. During my two-year term as Grandmaster, I believe that it is important to bring Grand Lodge and the concordant Masonic bodies together, so an invitation will be sent to all bodies to join together at the Grand Lodge Office in Hamilton, where we, as a working group can sit down around the table, and discuss the issues that involve all of us. I believe that it is important to talk openly and honestly about membership, about branding, and about our combined image in the communities around us that we are involved in. I want to initiate this positive step forward that will hopefully bring the benefits of growth and recognition to all of Freemasonry. A unified front will help Grand Lodge and the concordant bodies to once again flourish and take its rightful and meaningful place back in society where it needs us the most. This initiative will be a great step forward into the future, so please help me to bring the issues to the table for discussion. And I believe, Sovereign Grand Commander, that is October 22nd and an invitation, if it hasn't come out from the Grand Secretary, it will be coming soon. Thank you again, Illustrious Sirs and brethren, for the hospitality shown to me at your 150th Annual Session. I've thoroughly enjoyed our time together. I wish everyone many continued successes, safe travels, and God bless you all. Thank you.

**SGC:** Thank you Grand Master. I must tell you that our Grand Master and I have had an opportunity to share a number of social events and many of you know that I love to laugh and our Grand Master does too, so that's really good. He's got a great sense of humour and I thank you so much, Grand Master, for those comments.

At this time, it gives me great pleasure and an honour to welcome any current Grand Masters or past Grand Masters in attendance with us, we are pleased to have you with us, and if you would please stand now to be recognized.

Thank you, very much past Grand Masters. It's very interesting because we are celebrating vision and leadership and you have led us in that direction and we thank you so much for all the work that you have done.

I would like to carry on now, Grand Secretary-General, will you call the role of Active and Past Active members in attendance please?

The Grand Secretary-General proceeded with the Roll Call of the Active Members in attendance.
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The Grand Secretary-General proceeded with the Roll Call of the Past Active Members in attendance.
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**SGC:** Thank you Grand Secretary-General, I believe you have a motion at this time.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Terry McLean, 33°, and Thomas Wills, 33°, that the Supreme Council offering taken in General Session be forwarded to the Almoner of the Valley of Ottawa.

**SGC:** Are there any questions or discussion? All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

Illustrious Brothers Grand Marshal and Grand Master of Ceremonies, we will proceed with introductions please.

**Grand Marshal:** The brethren from the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

**GMoC:** Sovereign Grand Commander, it is my pleasure to introduce to you, Illustrious James D. Cole, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America and honorary member of the Supreme Council for Canada. Illustrious Alan W. Adkins, 33°, Grand Cross and Sovereign Grand Inspector-General in Virginia, Southern Jurisdiction United States, Illustrious Terry L. Bowman, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector-General in Kentucky, Southern Jurisdiction, United States.

**SGC:** Commander, it's so nice to have you with us. We've been together so many times and it's great that you're back here in Canada. Alan, thank you so much for being with us. Thank you. Terry, we had a great chat this morning and we both love bourbon and that's a good thing. Commander Cole, if you would take the podium and say a few words.

**Commander Cole:** Illustrious Sovereign Grand Commander, my dear friend. To the distinguished East, Illustrious Sirs, and my brethren all, good morning.

I bring you greetings from 110,000 members of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the United States. It is a great pleasure to be here, congratulations on a wonderful session, congratulations to the class. Well really, we can't say class anymore. Congratulations. Welcome aboard.

It is great to be here, always. I am honoured to be an Honorary Member of this Supreme Council. You are the friendliest folks. You bring a completely new level to Southern hospitality, so I just thank you very much. I want to ask if you just do me a favour for about 90 seconds, I want you to touch your name badge for a second. Just think about it. I consider this to be a little Masonic symbol that I want to pass along to you. You know, I came into a little country lodge very much like this name badge came out of the box. It was, it was empty. It was clear. It didn't have any idea what Freemasonry was, because I had no family connection to Freemasonry. My mother on my 25th birthday dinner, said “I think you need to join the Masonic Lodge”. And I said, “What's a Masonic Lodge?” And she said, “I don't know, but all the good men that I know are members.” And I said, “Well, let me check it out.” So, the next day she called and said “I have a piece of paper for you to sign.” It was filled out completely. I signed, it had a check attached that covered my fees and dues for the first year from my 2 vouchers. And one of those is still living and he has been a constant support of mine. So, I began the process of getting filled. And when I began my journey, I took upon myself the obligations, that we we've all shared, and I received more and I kept filling it up. And I continue to fill it up and so it's a reminder to me of all that has been given to me. I started empty and I have been overflowing ever since because of Freemasonry. It also teaches me that,

this one is actually, I think, a little more Masonic than the ones we sometimes get with just one little snap because they constantly spin around and you're always sitting there with your name hidden and people looking at you sort of funny. So, it's a Masonic lesson to me that we need to have the right face forward, and we need to keep our name out there and it also, through the hard work of Illustrious Steve and his staff, it's got a lot of enlightenment on the back so that when you get lost, you can just kind of look down. And you know when we get lost, we can just look back to where we started or we can just look around and find a brother and he will always, always be there for us, and I say to you that the Southern Jurisdiction, and particularly its Grand Commander, will always, always be there for you. God bless you. Thank you.

**Grand Marshal:** The brethren from the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

**GMoC:** Sovereign Grand Commander, it is my pleasure to introduce to you Illustrious Walter E. Wheeler, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, United States. Illustrious Brother Thomas K Sturgeon, 33°, Grand Chancellor, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, United States. Illustrious Richard J Powell, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector-General in New York and the Grand Representative of the Supreme Council for Canada, near the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, United States.

**SGC:** Commander Wheeler, we met on a boat trip in Louisville and you impressed me so much because we chatted and chatted and chatted. I had no idea that you were ranking officer and the next day you became Sovereign Grand Commander, and congratulations and welcome to Canada. And it's a pleasure to have you in our 150th Anniversary. Thank you so much. Illustrious Brother Sturgeon, we've met several times and you are one fantastic orator, you get today off mind you, and it's wonderful to have you with us. And Rick, you looked after us down there as well, and we really appreciated you and Marian looking after us and it's wonderful to have you in Canada with us. If you'll resume your seats, and Commander Wheeler, if you could say a few words.

**Commander Wheeler:** Sovereign Grand Commander, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Illustrious brethren, good morning. It is an honour for me to be here representing the Northern Masonic jurisdiction. This is my first international visit as Sovereign Grand Commander and as Jim said, I'm so impressed with the hospitality. It's been a great visit, I'm glad this was my first. I had a good start. As Dave mentioned, I became Sovereign Grand Commander last year in Louisville, KY and it's been quite an experience. Unlike Jim, I knew I was going to be a Mason from the time I was about four years old. I've been hanging around Masonic temples my entire life, and I've been a member of the fraternity now for 47 years, and I know what you're all thinking. He looks way too young to have been a member for 47 years. But it's true, I have been and I've enjoyed every minute of it and I've had some tremendous opportunities. And among those was joining the Scottish Rite, being chosen a 33rd degree Mason and later obviously as Sovereign Grand Commander, so to the new 33rd degree Masons in this room, congratulations. But I'd like to remind you that this is just the beginning. As a 33rd degree Mason, you now have special duties and responsibilities, and as they say in our ritual, you are given those duties and responsibilities and they're commensurate with your rank. So, you are now expected to be a leader and commander in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and I would charge you to help your brethren be a mentor, be a teacher, be a leader. Our fraternity needs leaders today, now more than ever, and it's your job to fill that role and to teach the next class of 33rd degree Masons what it means to be a Scottish Rite Mason. So, congratulations to you, enjoy this weekend. Congratulations on your 150th and I look forward to the rest of the week. Thank you very much.

**SGC:** Grand Master of Ceremonies has retired. I believe our our mayor is here, the Mayor of Ottawa.

**GMoC:** Sovereign Grand Commander, it is my pleasure to present to you His Worship, Mark Sutcliffe, Mayor of the City of Ottawa.

**SGC:** Please relax, Mr. Mayor. We've just been told we have Southern hospitality here, so Mr. Mayor, it's so nice of you to join us. I know that you've got a busy schedule, but we've loved the time in Ottawa. We

appreciate the capital, it's great. We thank you for all you have done, and if you will join me, let's maybe say a few words to the brethren.

**Mayor Sutcliffe:** Good morning, everyone. Bonjour. I've never walked into such a quiet room before. You're all so well behaved. It's such an honour to be here and thank you for the introduction and I thank you for choosing Ottawa. Thank you for deciding to hold this event in Ottawa and I'm delighted that you've had such great weather this week in the city of Ottawa. It's been a beautiful, beautiful week and I hope you've enjoyed seeing the city. If some of you are new to the city and have not been here before, I hope you've enjoyed that first experience and that you'll come back and bring more people with you and support our local economy. Ottawa is a great place to be and a great place to visit and so I hope you you'll make regular visits even if you're not holding this event here again in the next few years, but you are always welcome back to hold this event here, so please consider us in the future.

It is an honour for me to be here and to join you today for the 150th Annual Session. That's a huge milestone, 150 years. Amazing. So, it's an honour to be here for your 150th Annual Session. I want to recognize the Sovereign Grand Commander, David A. Bennett. Thank you for welcoming me. Grand Master James Ireland, and delegates from across Canada and beyond, welcome to all of you, welcome to Ottawa and I think the main message that I would leave with you today is to say thank you. Thank you for everything you do. You have an incredible tradition now a century and a half of generosity, of community service that is really remarkable and the impact that you've had is extraordinary, immeasurable. So, thank you for what you do. Thank you for choosing Ottawa as the place to come together this year to celebrate this important milestone. But I want to highlight that what you have done over 150 years, and what you continue to do, is absolutely extraordinary. Your acts of selflessness, your acts of service, your acts of charity, really have set a benchmark for others to follow. And this is especially true when we consider the learning centres that the Scottish Rite has set up over the past 60 years. Through your voluntary efforts, through your fundraising, through your investments, through your planning, you've helped so many young people in Canada cope with what you refer to as the puzzles of the mind, or what we commonly call dyslexia. And again, it is remarkable. When you think about the lives of children with dyslexia and the challenges that they face, and the likelihood that they might feel very alone in facing those challenges or that the extraordinary impact it might have on their lives and on their education. How they might otherwise be neglected or left behind by the system, and how they struggle to read words and comprehend numbers and how limiting that might be to them. And then they can come into one of the learning centres in Ontario and with the help of their parents and your dedicated volunteers, they get the chance to understand their condition and learn how to cope with it and learn how to work around it so they can read, write and study just like any other kid. That really is inspiring and remarkable. So, thank you for the amazing work you've done in that area and the attention that you've given to these children to allow them not to be left behind, but to join other students in pursuing anything they want in their life.

On top of that, I want to commend the Supreme Council in guiding the Scottish Rite to support the Ottawa Rotary home last year, your gift of medical equipment to help children and adults living with complex needs is an example of outstanding generosity.

So again, thank you. I really hope that through this gathering, you take a moment to celebrate all that you've accomplished. As organizations and as individuals, we tend to spend a lot of time looking forward and planning and thinking about what's next. But I hope you do take the opportunity to look back on the last 150 years at how far you've come and how much you've done. How much you've contributed through your selflessness and your service. So, I hope you are celebrating yourselves and your members; celebrating your legacy, your extraordinary work, and while you're here, I hope you are also enjoying Ottawa. I hope you're enjoying everything that our city has to offer. The museums, the restaurants, the cafes, the green space, there is certainly a lot to choose from in Ottawa and I hope you all go home and tell everybody you know about what a great place Ottawa is to visit. Please do that. Please become ambassadors for our nation's capital. But please, continue to do the amazing work that you are doing. Please continue to support young people and others who are struggling. Please continue to be selfless

and to be focused on community service because you are having an extraordinary impact and it is greatly, greatly appreciated. Thank you so much for the invitation.

**SGC:** Mr. Mayor, thank you so much and also, just to let you know, it's the 60th anniversary of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation, and our President, Gareth Taylor, will greet you as well. Thank you very much for your time and carry on and make sure this city runs well. Thank you very much.

Grand Master of Ceremonies, you may resume your duties, please.

**Grand Marshal:** Will the brethren from England and Wales, please join me on the level.

**GMoC:** Sovereign Grand Commander, it is my pleasure to introduce to you Most Puissant Brother John Boyington, 33°, Sovereign, Grand Commander, Supreme Council for England and Wales and Most Illustrious Brother Giles Shilson, 33°, Grand Secretary-General, Supreme Council for England and Wales.

**SGC:** Sovereign Grand Commander, it's wonderful to see you again and have you with us in Canada. You'll be speaking to us twice today. Thank you very much, we are looking forward to it. Giles, good to see you again. All the work that you do in England and Wales is most appreciated and it's just wonderful to have you with us. Please join me.

**SGC Boyington:** Illustrious Sovereign Grand Commander, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Illustrious Brethren all. Indeed, this is the first time I have the opportunity to address you today, so you can make a judgment about whether you stay awake later on. I have asked the Grand Secretary-General to keep an eye out for the last one to fall asleep and there will be a special award. But it will be secret.

Brethren, I wasn't entirely sure what to say when I stood here today, and I often find that's perhaps the best way to be. And I say that because two things have already happened that have made me reflect on what brings me here today and what is so special about this fraternity that we are members of. The first thing that struck me was when Brother Cole and Brother Wheeler spoke and they'd known from a relatively young age that they were going to be Freemasons. It was part of their pre-planned destiny. I guess it was part of my destiny as well, but I became a Freemason by pure, sheer coincidence. And suddenly, brethren, and I reflect on the fact that in this day and age, there are still too many people who could come to these fraternities but don't because they don't know about it. We've changed our approach in England and Wales to be much more proactive in bringing the message of what we do. The second thing that made me think was as the Worshipful Mayor walked into the room with a somewhat stunned look on his face, and it made me think this; when I worked for a living, fortunately some years ago, I used to travel the world fairly extensively. In fact, I had visited Ottawa and other parts of Canada, but I always came with a degree of trepidation. I never knew what I'd be stepping into. I worked in government so, of-course, and there was always the fear that somebody would have an agenda. Somebody would want to try and manipulate you in a particular way or whatever. Now that I visit extensively around the world for Freemasonry, I never have that feeling. I know when I come to a gathering, whether it's in England and Wales, or whether it's here in Canada or wherever, that I'm going to be among people who share my view of the world, who share the principles of this great fraternity. And I hope, I could be let down but I doubt it, who won't have an agenda to pursue with me and will simply be pleased to welcome me into their company as we are to them when they visit us in England and Wales. I have already experienced your fabulous hospitality over the last couple of days and I'm looking forward to another day or two of that. Thank you for that. Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander for the gracious welcome that you've given to us. We are, of course, your mother, but I'm going to be careful because you also have your great grandmother and your grandmother sat on the dais so I shall be cautious in what I say. But thank you for your warm and fraternal welcome, and I look forward to meeting as many of you that I haven't already met over the next day or two. Thank you.

**Grand Marshal:** Will the brethren from Scotland, please join me on the level.

**GMoC:** Sovereign Grand Commander, it is my pleasure to introduce to you Most Powerful Brother Charles Iain Robert Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, Supreme Council

for Scotland, Very Powerful Brother Ewan Rutherford, 33°, Lieutenant Grand Commander, Supreme Council for Scotland and Deputy Grand Master and Governor of the Royal Order of Scotland, Most Illustrious Brother Alexander Galbraith, 33°, Grand Secretary-General, Supreme Council for Scotland.

**SGC:** Sovereign Grand Commander, when we had the mayor here, he would talk about people that really will spend money in the city and I know that every time I met you, you've come with bags of stuff to take home. So, I know that you'll enjoy Ottawa. Thank you very much for coming here, it's a pleasure, and Charles also leads in fresh air breaks. Ewan, it's such a pleasure to meet you, and we had the chance to chat yesterday and thank you very much for joining us. It's very special for you to be here on our 150th anniversary, thank you so much. And Alex, my dear friend, we've met several times and we've had some good times together and it's a pleasure to have you here. I don't think it would be the same if you weren't. So thank you very much for coming. Thank you, and Sovereign Grand Commander, if you'll say a few words.

**SGC Wolrige Gordon:** Most Powerful Sovereign Grand Commander, Most Worshipful Grand Master, distinguished Brethren and Brethren all. It's a great pleasure for my deputation to be here today to celebrate the 150th anniversary of your Supreme Council. This is not actually my first visit to Ontario. When I was a very young man, just left school, I spent quite a few months in London, Ontario and I must confess that my behaviour then was Non-Masonic, and every time I meet someone who says I was in the police force in London, Ontario. I suddenly worry that I might be on the most wanted list.

It's been a great pleasure for the three of us to be here to share with you all this special, special day, and I can only thank the organising Committee for putting all this together for us all to enjoy, meet each other, make new friendships, and I have to confess, when we had the problems with the lifts, and the Sovereign Grand Commander turned round and said, people who've been pressing the button 3 or 4 times, completely and utterly mucks up the system, well, I'm actually guilty of that, partly because I'm impatient, but I press button 11 and after three minutes, nothing happens. So, I go to another one and press button 11. And three minutes later, nothing happens, but I noticed that I was going from lift A to lift D to lift C to lift B, and eventually I got home, but I do apologise Sovereign Grand Commander.

The Scots are not really known for their generosity, but when you, when you celebrate a very special event, we do splash out, we get a tartan bag and put some goodies in it and Sovereign Grand Commander I present to you this quake. The quake, as I'm sure you're all probably aware of, is the glass of friendship, and it's a great pleasure to give it to Most Powerful Sovereign Grand Commander, and I'm sure in true Scottish tradition, tonight at the banquet, he'll fill it up with some delicious whiskey and pass it round all of us. Brother, we've had the most wonderful time, and I know that the next two days are going to be wonderful. I thank you for your hospitality, I thank you for your friendship, and may you all enjoy this 150th anniversary. Thank you.

**Grand Marshal:** Would brethren of Concordant Bodies and other guests please join me on the level?

**GMoC:** Sovereign Grand Commander, it is my pleasure to introduce to you, Most Eminent Knight Clive D. Stephenson, Supreme Grand Master, Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Most Illustrious Knight Companion Dennis M. O'Leary, Grand Sovereign, Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada, Most Excellent Companion George B Fairbairn, Grand First Principal, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Right Worshipful Brother Steven E. Warren, Provincial Grand Master for Ontario, Royal Order of Scotland.

**SGC:** As I walk toward these brethren, all from Ontario, all who I know, are four of the hardest working Masons you'll ever know, and George, it's such a wonderful pleasure to have you with us, thank you so much for being here. Dennis, I know you had a little bit of trouble on the train getting here, but we thank you so much for getting here, and it's just wonderful to have you with us. And Clive, we go back about 25 years, and of course you're an Active Member of our Supreme Council, and you carry so many hats, and this gentleman here never uses the word busy, he just does things. Thank you so much for being here. And speaking of doing things, Provincial Grand Master, it's such a pleasure to have you here with us.

You certainly keep this machine rolling very, very well. And thank you so much for all you do for us. Thank you so much. And please join me at the podium. And George, I believe you'll say a few words.

**M. Ex. Comp. Fairbairn:** Sovereign Grand Commander, distinguished East, and brethren. It's a pleasure to be here at the 150th anniversary of the Supreme Council and to bring greetings on behalf of the Concordant Bodies.

I feel fortunate and being a member of many Masonic bodies in both the York and Scottish Rites. A Rite is not a ceremonial ritual. It's a system administration and organized structure. Those of us who belong to both Rites know how essentially alike our aims, purpose and ideals, regardless of variations in our form, ceremonies, and rituals. Even though it's more nearly alike than one would suspect. When I get an opportunity to speak, I like to leave those in attendance something to think about. During the pandemic, I spent a lot of time reviewing the historical proceedings of our Masonic Grand Convocations. Many pass through cycles, large membership growth usually fall in periods of turmoil like war. And then gradual and prolonged loss of membership, and more importantly, loss of membership participation. The Covid pandemic was itself a period of turmoil and post Covid we appeared to be again in a period of transition. Our lodges and court bodies are getting many more new and young members. More than I've seen for some time. Unfortunately, I'm afraid that history will repeat itself. That we will again lose many of these new members. We need to ask ourselves, why do we lose them? In 1927, Lord Ampthill at the Grand Chapter Convocation held in England stated, and I'll quote, "We are not fulfilling our contract with those who we admit to our order unless we go beyond the bare ritual and the teachomgs which we give them." I therefore believe that this transitional period, our greatest challenge, is education. I urge all of our Masonic bodies to offer formal training to our new members on completion of their degrees. The training should be intended to modernise empty history, background, ritual, symbols, and teachings of our degrees. Hopefully this teaching will answer many of the questions left on the minds of our candidates before they choose to look elsewhere for further light.

Sovereign Grand Commander, on behalf of the Concord Bodies, I thank you for the invitation to attend for the hospitality bestowed upon us and our wives, and I wish you a successful and rewarding Supreme Council session. Thank you.

**Grand Marshal:** Will the Valley representatives, please join me on the level.

**GMoC:** Sovereign Grand Commander, it is my pleasure to introduce to you, Illustrious Brother Wayne C. Parker, 33°, Thrice Puissant Grand Master, Ottawa Lodge of Perfection, Illustrious Brother Emmanuel Benoit, 32°, Most Wise Sovereign, Murray Chapter of Rose Croix, Illustrious Brother Jean Francois Legault, 33°, Commander-in-Chief, Ottawa Consistory.

**SGC:** Well, my brother, we meet again. It was a pleasure to meet you, of course, and to see all of you at my official visit last February, and of course, you escorted me in yesterday, so thank you so much. It's great to have you here with us. Leo, it's great, you don't mind me calling you Leo do you? Very good. Thank you so much. It's a pleasure to have you with us and all that you do for the Ottawa Valley and we really appreciate everything. JF, good to see you and congratulations. The collar looks fantastic, super. And Wayne, I believe you'll say a few words please.

**Ill. Bro. Parker:** Sovereign Grand Commander, distinguished guests, members of Supreme Council, Brethren all. On behalf of the Valley of Ottawa, I welcome you to the 150th Convocation of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in Canada and also to the City of Ottawa.

It is indeed appropriate that this 150th session of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, in Canada, be held here in Ottawa as the Supreme Council for Canada was chartered here in Ottawa 150 years ago. The AASR Charter for the Supreme Council for Canada was issued to the Dominion of Canada in 1874. On October 16, 1874, the Supreme Council of Canada appointed its Officers and opened its first meeting. In 1890, the headquarters of the Supreme Council moved to Hamilton, where it is today. All Supreme Councils of today are descended directly, or indirectly, from the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, which was

chartered in 1801 in Charleston, South Carolina. In 1813, the Southern Jurisdiction established the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States. In 1845, the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction warranted the Supreme Council in England and Wales, which in 1874 authorized the formation of the Supreme Council for Canada.

It is interesting that in 1874, when the Canadian Supreme Council was chartered, Ottawa did not have a Scottish Rite body. Scottish Rite Valleys were operative in Hamilton, Ontario 1868, London, Ontario 1868, Saint John, New Brunswick 1868, and Halifax, Nova Scotia 1870, and also in Toronto 1873, and Montreal in 1873, but not in Ottawa. In 1874, Ottawa had six active Craft lodges, but no Scottish Rite bodies. Masons interested in the Scottish Rite degrees had to travel considerable distances to obtain the higher degrees. The first Scottish Rite body established here in Ottawa was the Lodge of Perfection in 1888, fourteen years after the Supreme Council of Canada was chartered. This was followed by the Rose Croix in 1890 and the Consistory, not until 1976. Today, all three Scottish Rite bodies are active and very healthy in the Valley of Ottawa.

We, as Masons in general and Scottish Rite Masons in particular, share a common set of values. Yes, certainly the genuine tenants, brotherly love, relief and truth, are foremost to us. But there is more. What is interesting and somewhat unique about Masonry is the disinterested friendship that exists between us. Disinterested friendship. What is that? When I look around me, I see Masons, Masons at first glance that have nothing in common. We come from different cultures, celebrate different religions, have different mother tongues, languages and customs. We work in different professions and in different places. Not the sort of thing that normally inspires friendship, yet we as Masons are united by the genuine tenants. It is this disinterest friendship that holds Masonry together and helps the fraternity to grow and flourish worldwide, across cultural, religious and political boundaries. Freemasonry has existed worldwide for centuries and continues to do so. This 150th convocation is evidence of that. It has survived insurrection, criticism and political upheaval. As a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason, it is our duty to facilitate the transmission of the genuine tenants, pure and unimpaired, to the next generation, maintaining and enhancing this disinterested friendship is most important in that regard.

Once again, welcome to the City of Ottawa. Its settlement developed after the construction of the Rideau Canal in 1826. Originally incorporated as By town in 1850, its economy at that time was primarily the lumber trade. The name was changed from By town to Ottawa in 1855. The name Ottawa is derived from the Algonquin word Adawi, which means ‘to trade’. To resolve political disputes between Toronto and Montreal, Quebec City, and Kingston, Ottawa was selected as the nation's capital by Queen Victoria in 1857. Canada at that time consisted of Upper Canada and Lower Canada. Essentially, Quebec, Ontario, and the Maritimes. Ottawa and Canada has evolved from that to what it is today. The location of this venue is within walking distance of museums, art galleries, parliament, and restaurants. Therefore, I encourage you, to use some of your free time to discover and experience what Ottawa has to offer. Thank you.

**SGC:** Most appreciated. I will now ask Illustrious Brother Cobanov if he would set up the projector for our next presentation, please.

While this is being set up, I will ask the Grand Master of Ceremonies to retire and we have some special guests to introduce to you.

**GMoC:** Sovereign Grand Commander, it is my pleasure to introduce to you William J.B. MacLeod Moore, John W. Murton, and T. Douglas Harington.

**SGC:** Would you escort the distinguished brethren to the podium, please?

So here we are, 1874. Illustrious Brother Thomas Douglas Harington, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council for the Dominion of Canada, and he is played by Illustrious Brother Robert Keay, 33°, from the Valley of Peterborough. He and his lovely wife have agreed to be part of this and you're going to see some video as well. But please take an opportunity to get a selfie with them, a photo with them, and also they will be special guests tonight at the Sovereign Grand Commander's banquet.

Illustrious Brother John W. Murton is played by Illustrious Brother Brian Lawson, Valley of Barrie, and Brian, you wear many hats and Masonry and that one suits you very, very well. Thank you very much. And Illustrious Brother William J. B. MacLeod Moore, 33°, and is played by my good friend Illustrious Brother Frank Groves, 33°, from the Valley of Peterborough, and Frank, you do look splendid kind sir, you really do. By the way, Brian Gilkinson wrote that script for me.

So if we can dim the lights and get on with the show.

A video presentation followed which depicted the establishment of the Supreme Council of Canada in 1874. Supreme Council – 150 History

**SGC:** Thanks to Illustrious Brother Cobanov and to our Lieutenant Grand Commander, and of course, to our distinguished brethren to my left. Thank you very much for participating in that.

We'd now like to present to you the 150th anniversary video with thoughts from our Past Sovereign Grand Commanders. Thoughts from our Past Sovereign Commanders

**SGC:** Brethren, as you watch the credits. I'd like to let you know that the last Past Sovereign Grand Commander that was on the screen is Harold Crosby. You may have heard me mention this earlier this week, Harold is 98 years old, is still going very, very strong, but chooses not to travel. And it gives me an opportunity, once again, to remind you that Harold's favourite drink is a Manhattan. And he likes to have that at 4:00 Atlantic time, which is, and believe me, this is true, he has left Zoom meetings so that he could get his Manhattan. So, since we are in Eastern Time at 3:00 this afternoon, if you would like to join us wherever you are, and your drink of choice, and salute Illustrious Brother Crosby, I think that would be great.

I would like to thank Illustrious Brother Gareth Taylor, our Grand Historian, and Milan and Corey, for putting this together. It was very, very well done and we appreciate all your work in that. Also, part of the anniversary celebrations, we were pleased to be invited to the Ontario legislature to receive recognition in the legislature. The Grand Secretary-General, myself and the Lieutenant Grand Commander were there and I would like to recognize our host that day. He is with us today, Illustrious Brother Bob Bailey, 33°, Member of Provincial Parliament for Ontario from Lambton, Sarnia and Illustrious Brother Bailey, would you just stand and be recognized please? Thank you very much.

So as the lights go up, I will now ask the Grand Secretary-General to call the role of Grand Representatives, and as he calls your name, would you please rise, say ‘present’, and remain in place. When I seat you, I will ask Illustrious Brother Karl Springer to go to the podium and reply on behalf of the Grand Representatives. Grand Secretary-General.

Roll Call of the Grand Representatives was called and regrets given for those absent.

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**Ill. Bro. Springer:** Sovereign Grand Commander, distinguished brethren, peers and guests. On this, the 150th anniversary of this Supreme Council, I feel privileged and honoured to give this report on behalf of the Grand Representative of this Supreme Council to other Supreme Councils throughout the world with whom we are in amity. If I counted correctly, at the 148th sessions in Saskatoon last year, we had 58 Grand Representatives to other Supreme Councils. Because of the many different variations of formats of social media, we are able to communicate much easier in this day and age with these Supreme Councils where we can exchange ideas and establish stronger relationships. Although our rituals may differ, and I know that they do, and the floorwork of the degrees are a little different, the final result still remains the same. The lessons we are taught, and that we learn in these degrees, ends up being the same thing and shows the true universality of our Craft. Thank you so much.

**SGC:** I will now suspend labor for a special presentation, in accordance with our ritual. Grand Prior will you attend to the altar.

Illustrious Brother Whitmore, will you introduce our special guest, please?

**IPSGC Whitmore:** Sovereign Grand Commander, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Honoured and Welcome Guests, Peers, & Brethren.

The City of Sheffield is located in South Yorkshire, and is an industrial city in northern England.

For our purposes, it is a terribly important city, especially for two historic reasons.

Coming second on this list of importance, is its rich history of several metallurgical innovations, including the invention of Sheffield Plate, in and around 1742, which easily evolved into it being the centre for the development, not only, in 1912, of stainless steel, but of three very essential Masonic working tools, beloved by all Masons worldwide.

I speak, of course, of the Knife, the Fork, and the Spoon for by the 17th century the City of Sheffield held a virtual monopoly on the English Cutlery trade.

Thus, we all benefit from this second, most important advancement coming out of the great City of Sheffield, without which we no doubt would be faced this week, each meal, with place settings sporting only plastic cutlery.

But, of even greater importance for us, Sheffield is the birthplace and hometown of our honoured guest, M.P. Bro. John Boyington, 33°, and Commander of the Order of the British Empire, and, since January, 2023, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for England and Wales.

He is the 14th Sovereign Grand Commander for England and Wales since The Earl of Carnarvon, Sovereign Grand Commander in 1874, granted a Patent to us, thereby establishing our Supreme Council.

Becoming a Master Mason in his hometown just over 30 years ago, M.P. Bro. Boyington joined the Ancient and Accepted Rite in 1996.

In the Craft, he served as Assistant and then Deputy Provincial Grand Master of his Province for seven years with responsibility for 180 Lodges across West and South Yorkshire.

Receiving his 33° in 2013 and becoming Inspector-General, he became responsible for 21 Chapters.

Just before Covid in 2019 he was elected to the Supreme Council for England and Wales and, like all of us here, spent the next 18 months and more, carrying out his duties on Zoom and then, after serving as Grand Chamberlain and as Grand Treasurer-General he was elected Sovereign Grand Commander in 2023.

Although holding office now for only slightly more than a year and half, under his watch, the Council made the historic decision to open membership of the Order to Master Masons of any faith-truly a milestone moment in the almost 180-year history of the Rite in England and Wales.

Outside of Masonry, he has had a very successful career in the health service sector including as Deputy Director General for Health and Care Partnerships leading with policies relating to the elderly, people with learning disabilities, mental health issues and especially for people in prison.

This led to him receiving, in 2007, an award from the World Health Organisation for Outstanding Service and to his being made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire by Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

After going almost to the end of the world in search, he happily found and married Jill, who was born in Hobart, Tasmania.

No stranger to Masonry, Jill has been a keen member of The Order of Women Freemasons for 15 years.

They have two daughters, a grandson and a granddaughter.

A lifelong and proud supporter of the Sheffield United Football Club, he and his grandson attend almost every home match and some of the team logo is even incorporated into his coat of arms designed for him by the College of Arms, England's heraldic authority, on his becoming a Member of the Supreme Council.

Sovereign Grand Commander, it gives me great pleasure to introduce and present to you and all of our brethren today, M. P. Bro. John Boyington, 33°, Commander of the Order of the British Empire and Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for England and Wales.

**SGC Boyington:** Good morning again, brethren. It is at moments like that, that I wish I had remembered to turn on the record function on my mobile phone so that I could take that wonderful introduction back and play it to my wife. She doesn't understand me, brethren. In fact, when I became a member of this Rite, I assumed the title Excellent and Perfect Prince. I dutifully went home and announced to my darling wife that she may now refer to me as Excellent and Perfect. She, as has just been mentioned, is Australian, and Australian's brethren, as you know, do not mince their words. I will not, in this August body repeat the two-word answer that she gave on that occasion. But only 18 months ago, I went home and said to her, well, you can forget the other title. You now may refer to me as Most Puissant, and she said, well, what on Earth does that mean? And I said it means most powerful. She turned on her heels and walked away laughing.

Can I begin by clearing up just one or two things; you may have noticed that we title ourselves, the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. Now up to about 100 years ago, we called ourselves, as you all do, the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and then for some reason, I hasten to have nothing to do with Most Puissant Brother Wolrige Gordon, we fell out with the Supreme Council for Scotland, I'm pleased to say only temporarily and we dropped the word Scottish. Now, as is often the case in Freemasonry, it takes a long time to change anything, so we haven't yet got back to including the word Scottish again, but hopefully that explains that point for you.

It's a great privilege to have the opportunity to talk to you about the role of our Supreme Council in the formation of your Supreme Council, and I hope that I will now acquire a footnote in the history of the Supreme Council for Canada. The slightly worrying thing is that the next 15 or so minutes will determine whether that footnote is a positive one, or perhaps not.

I have to start, those of you who were at the dinner last night had heard our wonderful speaker talk about the importance of truthful media, so important these days, and I therefore have to start in an open and transparent manner. I was not there when the Supreme Council for England and Wales founded the Supreme Council for Canada. Indeed, you can tell by my rather poor-quality facial hair that I wouldn't have qualified in those days to have been a member, and I was delighted to see your three actors so superbly in character with the most wonderfully sculpted facial hair. Indeed, outside our Council Chamber, at our headquarters in Duke Street, London, we have a picture of a very old Supreme Council roughly from around the period that we're talking about, the mid to late 1800s, and in fact, it's quite an interesting activity to look at those brethren and we are not certain that one of them was actually alive. We will probably never know.

I need to take you back in terms of the formation of the Supreme Council for Canada to 1867. Which was the first period that we received any communication regarding the development of the Rite in Canada. This was an auspicious year, as you will know, in 1867 the British North America Act was passed in Parliament and set up the Constitution that would govern Canada for almost 100 years. Interestingly, it was, as you've already heard, it was passed by the then Secretary of State for the colonies, who was Lord Carnarvon. Later, the date of your foundation as the Supreme Council to have become the Sovereign Grand Commander of our Supreme Council. One or two other notable events from 1867; the United States bought Alaska for $7,000,000, a bit of a bargain if you asked my opinion and I think we're all very grateful to them for spending that money and making sure that Russia no longer owned Alaska.

The British Parliament, on a less positive note, decided yet again to reject the idea of women's suffrage and deprive women of the vote in our country for many more years to come. But on a positive note, the blue Daniel Walsh received its first orchestral premiere in New York City. And that year, Albert Pike, the distinguished Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction, wrote to the Supreme Council for England and Wales, expressing the interest of the Southern Jurisdiction in the development of the Rite in Canada. Perhaps slightly ungenerously, because I'm sure he recognized the fact, and that's why he'd written to our Supreme Council, our Supreme Council replied by asserting their right over the Crown dependency of Canada to be the body that should develop the Rite in this country, but as far as we can tell from the records, it was the first they had ever thought about it, brethren. So, we're very grateful to Albert Pike for doing that, and of course, according to the Grand Constitutions of 1786, Brother Pike in the Southern Jurisdiction could have claimed, along with the Northern Jurisdiction, the right to found the order, but they took our Supreme Council's position with equanimity and allowed us to get on with it. To which end, and we've already met him today, brethren, Colonel William James McLeod Moore was asked by the Supreme Council, he was then I think the ruler of the Provincial Grand Commandery for Canada, they asked him if he would take a local role in helping to establish the Rite. I hasten to add, this is after he had volunteered to undertake that role. There was a slight skepticism about it because I understand back in the early 1860s there had been something of a spat between Brother Moore, not you personally, Sir, but between Brother McLeod Moore and the Knights Templar in England and the Supreme Council. A disagreement over who should administer certain degrees. Nevertheless, our Supreme Council agreed to appoint Illustrious Brother McLeod Moore as our representative. He was an Honorary member of the 33rd degree in the Northern Jurisdiction of the USA, and he was appointed to preside over the development of the order at that time.

In July of 1868, he requested that Brothers Murton, Harington, and Wilson should be certified, not in that way brethren, but should be certificated as members of the 33rd degree. The Supreme Council in England and Wales agreed to this, but said that they must attend London as soon as practicable, goodness, can you imagine that back in those days? As soon as practical, to receive the degree in full, but nevertheless they had to sign the Oath of Allegiance as had Brother McLeod Moore. In October that year, our Supreme Council set the fees for warrants and membership in Canada. It was to be ten Guineas for a warrant for a Grand Consistory. It was to be five Guineas for a Rose Croix Chapter, and two shillings and sixpence for an annual registration fee for each member. Brethren, as far as I can ascertain, that's approximately $2,700 in today's money. $1,250 and $35 a year affiliation fee.

In November 1868, McLeod Moore stood down, having now been appointed as the Grand Prior for the Knights Templar in Canada and the Supreme Council appointed Brother Harington to replace him as its representative in Canada. They also agreed to the appointment or the certification of another member of the 33rd degree, so although there might not have been much going off at one level, there were lots of members of the 33rd degree appearing and they agreed to the certification of Brother Bird Harris. All seemed to be going well and a warrant was issued, again in 1868, for the creation of the Hamilton Consistory to come into existence. In 1869, the Supreme Council received a letter of protest from the brethren of Hamilton Chapter. My goodness, they'd hardly got their feet under the table, but they wanted to write a letter of protest, but fortunately it wasn't about anything our Supreme Council had done, it was about something Brother MacLeod Moore had done. He had apparently decided to confer the higher degrees on Thomas Bird Harris, including the 33rd degree. Supreme Council wrote to him and to Brother Harington, pointing out was completely out with his delegated authority. Nevertheless, whatever was happening was appearing to work and in May 1870, warrants were applied for and granted for the Moore Chapter in New Brunswick and for the Keith Chapter in Halifax, Nova Scotia. But there was a growing sense that the Canadian Brethren wished to practise their Scottish Rite Freemasonry rather more closely to their colleagues in the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions than to the established principles of the Rite in England and Wales. And all I'll say to you about that, if you've never visited or you've never been, is that it takes you a heck of a lot longer to get anywhere under the Jurisdiction in England and Wales than it does in many other jurisdictions around the world. Canadian Brethren, recognizing this, felt that they wanted to be able to progress through their Rose Croix Freemasonry more quickly, and they also wanted the fees to be lower. Who can blame them, Brethren? And in May 1871, Harington wrote to the Supreme Council requesting this and his request was firmly turned down. They wanted as much money

as they could get in those days. He wrote again, later that year, again pressing the point, and thank goodness the Supreme Council began to see some sense in this and agreed a degree of local flexibility to be administered by the Hamilton Consistory to change the fees and to amend the time between degrees, but having due regard, they said, to the Grand Constitutions and the dignity of the order. Goodness knows what they meant, but I'm sure they felt so.

Harrington followed this up, in October of 1870, by sending a letter including detailed ideas of how the Order could be self governing in Canada under the Hamilton Consistory, but still accounting to the Supreme Council for England and Wales. Some five months later, no reply had been received. Clearly, this had thrown the Supreme Council for England and Wales on to its heels. Interestingly, though, the minutes of Supreme Council, in February 1872, state this and it was a statement made by a past Sovereign Grand Commander, Brother Leeson; “We have had trouble with the brethren in Canada in respect of their desire to pursue independence. Still, I hope that by firm and judicious management, the feeling may soon subside”. How wrong could he be, Brethren? This was not to be the case, and shortly after another letter arrived from Brother Harington pressing the idea of proposals to give the order more autonomy in Canada.

In July 1872, he also requested a patent for a consistory to be opened in New Brunswick. There were to be five petitioners, all of whom had been advanced to the 32$^{nd}$ degree by courtesy of the Northern Jurisdiction, with agreement from the Supreme Council for England and Wales and the petition was duly signed, and the fee of one Guinea per member was sent for the affiliation of those people to the Supreme Council for England and Wales. There was an omission, brethren, which I am now going to put right, 150 years on. One of those brethren had already been made a member under the Supreme Council for England and Wales. Having been perfected into the 18$^{th}$ degree before he left to start his new life in New Brunswick. We should therefore only have received four Guineas from you. But unlike our predecessors, we know when we're in the wrong and we will put this matter right, and I'm sure our Grand Secretary-General will talk to one another at the end of this meeting, and we will write a check for the princely sum of one Guinea, to put the record straight.

We then move to 1873 and into the mix, rather conveniently named comes a Doctor Robert Hamilton. Now Doctor Robert Hamilton had been the District Grand Master of Jamaica under the United Grand Lodge of England, and therefore had a different approach and attitude to the other members of Supreme Council in England, who only really understood that the world, as it existed in the London bubble in the establishment. He took over as Grand Secretary-General in 1873 and in the spring of that year determined to undertake a tour of the New World, which is what you were frequently referred to Brethren. He visited his home in Jamaica and he visited Canada and a number of other places, and he came back to the Supreme Council with a report in July of that year, 1873, diplomatically pointing out the differences between the views of the order in London, England and the views of the members of the order in the new world, pointing out that whilst one was fundamentally based on tradition and little changed, the other was keen and thrusting for independence and new ideas. That's basically why people were all here for that reason.

Finally, the Supreme Council for England and Wales saw some sense and decided to test with the various Chapters and Consistories in Canada, what would be their wish? Hamilton had recommended a determinative body in Canada, but still accounting to the Supreme Council for England and Wales, but with pretty much full delegated authority. Not surprisingly, the brethren in Chapters and Consistories unanimously agreed that they wished to achieve independence, and the Supreme Council for England and Wales, whether as an Act of Enlightenment, finally, you could have the vision of the light dawning upon them that this would be a good idea, or you could see them thinking, my goodness, this is a good chance to get rid of those troublesome souls in Canada, but for whatever reason, brethren, they decided rather than keep control over Canada, that they would warrant the setting up of an independent Supreme Council for the Dominion of Canada. Whoopee brethren.

They petitioned and consulted with all the other relevant Supreme Councils of the day, all of whom were firmly in favour and the only caveat placed on the matter was by the Supreme Council for Scotland, who already had a couple of units in New Brunswick and were keen to ensure that their members were duly

represented. They therefore petitioned Supreme Council for England and Wales that it be a requirement that a member of the new Supreme Council for Canada should represent their interests. Supreme Council for England wrote, along with the warrant, to Brother Harington. It was signed on the 15th of July and a letter said “We require you to appoint someone to represent Scotland”. Brother Harington wrote back and acknowledge receipt of the warrant. To the best of our knowledge, no concession was made to the requirement for Supreme Council, and quite rightly, Canada determined its own future. The warrant was signed, as we said in July. It was signed by members of the Supreme Council and by the new Grand Patron, His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, later to become King Edward the VII. Brother Harington received it in September and in October, as we heard, Albert Pike from the Southern Jurisdiction, probably because the Supreme Council for England and Wales were quite glad to have got rid of the problem, Albert Pike constituted the Supreme Council. The next month Supreme Council in England and Wales appointed Brother MacLeod Moore as its representative near this Council and in December that year, the Supreme Council for Scotland formally recognised the Supreme Council for Canada.

This had been a tumultuous seven years. Hardly one in which cooperation reigned and there was clearly, and this is with the benefit of hindsight, brethren, there was clearly a miscommunication, bearing in mind the difficulties of those days, between a keen, enthusiastic, energetic group of people in the New World and a group of people who were part of the establishment order in London. Neither were wrong, but equally, in those days, neither had opportunity, until Hamilton visited, to actually understand the perspectives of one another. Whatever the ins and outs of those seven years, what matters, brethren, is the outcome. And today we all witness the 150th anniversary of those events, and not just that anniversary, but also the anniversary of your Masonic Foundation and the tremendous work that you've done over the years.

Brethren, be kind to me in your footnote. Sovereign Grand Commander, thank you for the opportunity to address you and thank you all for your reception.

**PSGC Brown:** Most Puissant Brother Boyington, Sovereign Grand Commander, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Sovereign Grand Commanders, peers and brethren. I have the very pleasant responsibility of thanking our guest speaker this morning, and Sir, I listened tentatively because I was interested in what you were saying, but obviously because I needed to thank you as well. Three words I wrote down; Delightful, Informative, Reflective. I think all of us learned much about our our history, where we came from and allowed us, I know myself for sure, thinking back about our own Masonic journeys. This obviously, is a Supreme Council, but each of us has time to reflect on what Freemasonry means to us, and that was provided to us as well in terms of the introduction provided for your lineage within Freemasonry. There was one thing I really noticed, though, that you did mention, about Hamilton writing the Supreme Council in England, begging for a reduction in fees, I can assure you that does not happen anymore in Canada.

Thank you for the anecdoes, thank you for the history. We from Canada are delighted that you are here to represent your Supreme Council and provide such wonderful information for us in terms of our own history. So, Sir, thank you so much.

**SGC:** Illustrious Brother Boyington, thank you very much. I would like you to join me on the level during this special unveiling. Illustrious Brother Warren, if you'll assist me and Grant Secretary-General, I believe you will be getting something ready very shortly.

Brethren, I'll begin by what you're going to see was done by an artist, a very dear friend of mine, and I will be giving the bio on our artist tonight so that our ladies can also hear and this will be downstairs as well. So, I will only do it once and that will be during the banquet. So, Illustrious Brother Warren, if you will do the honour.

This is the painting, and you will have an opportunity to see it very close later, but this is the 150th commemorative painting for our Supreme Council and this will have a permanent home at our cathedral in Hamilton, Ontario, and Illustrious Brother Grand Secretary-General If you may, and if I may assist you. (The Sovereign Grand Commander presented Ill. Bro. Boyington with a framed 150th Anniversary print)

**SGC Boyington:** Well, I have to say, after what I said earlier, I'm not sure we deserve it, brethren, but that is most kind and if you will forgive me, I think we'll find an appropriate place for this in our headquarters at Duke Street, so that all the members of our order can see the special relationship that we have with our brethren in Canada. Thank you.

**SGC:** Grand Chancellor, will you assist me please? So, you have seen our Past Sovereign Grand Commanders. You'll see them here, and I would like to make special presentation to each one of our Past Sovereign Grand Commanders, a personal presentation. Illustrious Grand Secretary-General, yours is in Hamilton already, and the only thing it does not have is a bow on it, but I have got a Rolling Rock for you and I think that'll replace that bow. So, Grand Chancellor, if you would, and I would ask our Past Sovereign Grand Commanders to join me on the level as well as our Chief Operating Officer, please.

And I thought it would be only fitting to also present one to our Chief Operating Officer, who has done so much for all of us this week, and it's amazing, it's amazing how he's been able to keep me in order in check, so Grand Chancellor, if you will.

**Ill. Bro. Warren:** Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander. Thank you so much.

**SGC:** Brethren, we will now resume labor. Illustrious Grand Prior, please attend at the altar. I will now turn the gavel over to Immediate Past Sovereign Grand Commander, Robert Whitmore.

**IPSGC Whitmore:** Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander.

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**SGC:** I will now call upon our Illustrious Grand Prior to please proceed with our memorial service.

**Grand Prior:** Brethren, I invite you to stand for this portion of our remembrance.

A reading from the book of the Wisdom of Solomon.

> The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be an affliction, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of men they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.

The brethren joined in the singing of "The Lord's My Shepherd"

**Grand Prior:** Gracious God and Great Architect of the Universe, we give you humble thanks for the work and witness of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in Canada over the past 150 years. With gratitude we remember those distinguished brethren who have contributed so much to our Order and have now passed to the Grand Lodge Above. We thank you for the friendship they gave and for the wisdom they brought to our fraternity. We pray that nothing good in their lives will be forgotten, but will be of benefit to humanity, that all that was important to them will be respected by those of us who follow and will continue to mean much to us now that they are gone. Grant them rest and peace, for your tender mercy's sake we pray. Amen.

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then Lord, in thy mercy, grant us safe lodging, a Holy rest and peace at the last. Amen.

**After the Allocution**

**IPSGC Whitmore:** Thank you. Sovereign Grand Commander for a very informative and interesting allocution. I know that I speak on behalf of all the brethren present when we all join in saying well done.

The Sovereign Grand Commander made reference in his allocution to dispensations and rulings made in the last year which are detailed in full on the printed allocution. I will therefore call on our Grand Secretary-General for a motion pursuant to Article 22 (t) that the actions of the Sovereign Grand Commander, granting approval for the Valley of Montreal to produce a 150th anniversary tie, be confirmed.

**GSG:** I so move, seconded by Illustrious Brother Orlan Weber.

**IPSGC Whitmore:** Brethren, you've heard the motion, is there any discussion? The Active Members will then vote, all in favour of the motion? Opposed? That motion is carried.

I will call for a motion pursuant to Article 22 (t) that the actions of the Sovereign Grand Commander, granting approval for the Valley of Niagara to produce a coin commemorating the 150th anniversary of Supreme Council and the 100th anniversary of the Valley, be confirmed.

**GSG:** I so move, seconded by Illustrious Brother Orlan Weber.

**IPSGC Whitmore:** Brethren, you've heard the motion, is there any discussion? All Active Members will now vote. All in favour? Opposed? That motion is carried.

I will now call for a motion pursuant to Article 22 (t), that the actions of the Sovereign Grand Commander, granting approval for the Valley of Windsor to use the Supreme Council 150th anniversary logo on golf balls for sale during the anniversary year, be confirmed.

**GSG:** I so move, seconded by Illustrious Brother Orlan Weber.

**IPSGC Whitmore:** Brethren, you've heard the motion. Is there any discussion? The Active Members will now vote, all in favour? Opposed? That motion is carried.

I now will call for a motion pursuant to Article 22 (s) that the allocution be received with thanks and appreciation and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Legislation.

**GSG:** I so move, seconded by Illustrious Brother Orlan Weber.

**IPSGC Whitmore:** Brethren, you've heard the motion, is there any discussion? The Active Members will now vote, all in favour? Opposed? That motion is carried.

Sovereign Grand Commander it gives me extreme pleasure to return the gavel to you.

**SGC:** Grand Secretary-General, do you have any announcements with regards to the distribution of the Allocution?

**GSG:** Brethren, the allocation will be available at the close of this morning's session.

**SGC:** Brethren, all reports have been presented, received, and approved in executive session. Copies of the preliminary reports have been distributed to all to read. Grand Secretary-General are there any announcements?

**GSG:** Yes, there are Sovereign Grand Commander.

The Officers that are part of the Crowning Ceremony will please remain after closing and see Bill Atkinson.

The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Directors are asked to assemble for a five-minute meeting in the Prince Edward Island Room on the 4th floor following the call off this morning.

Leslie Drake and Barb Lee will be at the registration desk at the Nunavut room between 11:00 AM and 12:30 today. They will have a few of the 33rd degree lapel pins and the HIG Pocket jewels available for sale. They can assist candidates if your ring doesn't fit properly and they will have order forms for the 150th anniversary print.

12:00 to 5:45, it's free time.

5:45 to 6:45 will be a banquet reception in the Provinces and Confederation foyer on the 4th floor. The bar closes at 6:30 when all are asked to be seated for the special guests to be piped in. The guests and members of Supreme Council who received invitations for a pre banquet reception, hosted by the Sovereign Grand Commander, will gather in the Quebec Room, 4th floor at 5:45.

The banquet is at 6:45, not 7:00, it's at 6:45, the Sovereign Grand Commanders banquet. Reminder of the dress, the guests and the Honorary Inspectors-General, tuxedo, Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General is white tie and tails. Table numbers are on your name tags.

Those brethren with microphones are reminded to turn them in at the soundboard before leaving this room. Those brethren requiring a microphone tomorrow morning include the following: Sovereign Grand Commander, Dave Bennett, Tom Wills, Gordon Maitland, Bob Brethour, Richard Jones, Jeff Dickson, Brian Gilkinson, and Richard Brown. Please attend at the Quebec Room first thing tomorrow morning to receive your microphone.

And I think lastly, the 150th anniversary committee is going to have a photo taken at the end of the Sovereign Grand Commander's banquet, so assemble up at the front, the 150th anniversary committee.

Those are all the announcements. Sovereign Grand Commander.

**SGC:** Thank you, Grand Secretary-General. Before I suspend labour, I would just like to wish everybody a great, great afternoon. Enjoy Ottawa and have a great time and we'll see you this afternoon, and of course, at the banquet as well. So, I will now suspend labor in general session in accordance with the ritual. Grand Prior to the altar, please.

Just a reminder that we will resume tomorrow morning in Executive Session at 8:00 AM and approximately 8:40 AM for the General Session here in the Governor General room.

Thank you, my brethren. Enjoy your day.

**Allocution of the Sovereign Grand Commander**
**150th Annual Session ~ Ottawa, Ontario**

Peers and Brethren,

By Article 22(s) of the Statutes and Regulations of Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada, I am pleased to present my written allocution.

Happy 150th Anniversary! It is an honour to serve as the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada as we celebrate 150 years of leadership and vision in our Supreme Council. My predecessors acted diligently to supply our Noble Rite with the tools and wisdom to navigate the seas of fraternal goodwill and the constant change in the world. They forged lasting friendships with our brethren and ladies during wonderful social events. Throughout this report, I have referred to several special events that I have been pleased to attend.

## NECROLOGY

We extend our condolences to the families and friends of those we have admired and lost during the past year. May the many good memories, comradeship, and advice be a treasure.

### Past Actives

**Illustrious Brother Ray Thomas Bryant, 33°**
Ill. Bro. Ray Bryant, 33°, Past Active Member of British Columbia and Yukon, passed away March 24th, 2024 at Royal Jubilee Hospital, 10 days after being recognized, by Grand Master M.W. Bro. Arthur Smith, Grand Lodge of British Columbia & Yukon, for his 60 years of service to Freemasonry, in a special ceremony at the Aberdeen Senior Centre in Victoria, BC.

Ill. Bro. Ray Bryant, 33°, was born June 13th, 1937 in Esquimalt, BC. On graduation from High School Ray attended the University of British Columbia attaining both a Commerce and Law degree leading to a sixty-year law career and service to his local community in many roles. At the age of 28, Ray was elected as the youngest Mayor of Esquimalt, He was instrumental in establishing many provincial Crown Corporations including BC Hydro, BC Ferries, and the Municipal Financing Authority. Ill. Bro. Bryant chaired several boards, generously providing pro-bono legal services for many Masonic buildings, societies, and associations.

Ray's Masonic journey started in Vancouver and Quadra Lodge No. 2, Grand Lodge of BC & Y, in 1964. He was elected Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1971. He served on several Grand Lodge of BC & Y Committees. He was appointed as Grand Junior Deacon, by Ill. Bro. Stephen Godfrey, 33°, during his year as Grand Master of BC & Y in 2007.

Ill. Bro. Bryant, 33°, was a fifty-eight-year member of the Scottish Rite and was active in all three bodies. He was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General in Winnipeg in 2000, and Crowned an Active member in Windsor in 2003.

He had been a member of the Royal Order of Scotland since 1983, where he served as Provincial Grand Master from 2005-2010.

Ray was preceded in death by his wife Margaret of 62 years (2022) and his youngest son Alan (2011). Ray is survived by his children, Janine, and Michael five grandchildren, and a great-grandchild

**Illustrious Brother Stanley James Clayton,33°**
Ill. Bro. Stan Clayton, the beloved husband of Agnes "Peg" Clayton of Calgary, Alberta, passed away on Sunday, May 5th, 2024, at 94.

Stanley was born in Killam, AB, on November 10th, 1929. He lived on a farm south of Edmonton where he received his high school education. Stan and Peg were married in 1951 and moved to Calgary in 1954. He

worked in the printing business and was a founding member of the Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd in Calgary.

Stan's Masonic career in Freemasonry began in 1956 in King George Lodge No. 59. He served in many positions that benefited his brethren. He served as Worshipful Master of King George Lodge in 1970. Stan was appointed as Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Alberta in 2009.

Stan started his journey in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada in 1965. He was elected as the Most Wise Sovereign of the Valley of Calgary in 1977. Stan was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General of the 33° on September 8th, 1988, and was Crowned an Active Member on September 13th, 1997.

Stan was also a Member of the Royal Order of Scotland, serving as Secretary for many years.

Stan became a member of the Al Azhar Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. in 1968, joined the Oriental Band and served as Sultan.

Stan was also a founding member of the Scottish Rite Learning Centre for Dyslexic Children and was a key contributor to its foundation and success.

Stan was a 5th generation Canadian, with roots tracing back to the United Empire Loyalists. He proudly used the initials U.E. (Unity of the Empire) after his name.

Besides several family members, he is survived by his loving wife of 72 years, his daughter, Brenda, sons James and Kelvin, and daughter Nancy.

Stan enjoyed a life well lived. He was a leader, a mentor, and a friend. He will be truly missed.

**Illustrious Brother Pierre Arthur Phaneuf, 33°**
Ill. Bro. Pierre Phaneuf passed away on March 23rd, 2024.

Pierre was the Past Deputy for Quebec, Past Junior Grand Warden, and Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A.F. & A.M.

Pierre's devotion to Freemasonry, Grand Lodge, Scottish Rite, and particularly to the Valley of Montreal will leave a lasting legacy.

He is survived and deeply mourned by his daughter Malwine and his long-time partner Salick Ung.

Born on July 8th, 1946, in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec, Pierre obtained a baccalaureate from Loyola College in Montreal, his law degree at the Université de Montréal.

As a professional lawyer, he worked in private practice until joining Teleglobe Canada as legal advisor, where he was appointed Senior Counsel and then General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, including Teleglobe International, Teleglobe Marine, and Teleglobe Research.

Initiated in Delta Lodge No. 136 in 1982, Pierre served as Worshipful Master and later as Lodge Secretary. Within the Grand Lodge of Quebec, he undertook the task of Francization of the official documents. Pierre Phaneuf was among the founders of La Loge Delta de l'Amitié No. 143 and proclaimed Worshipful Master Emeritus.

Pierre's Masonic career continued in the Hochelaga Lodge of Perfection and the Hochelaga Sovereign Chapter of Rose-Croix. He served as Most Wise Sovereign in 2003. He was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General in Saskatoon in 1992, he was Crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General, 33°, in 2003 in Windsor. He was elected Deputy for Quebec in 2005.

He was received into the Royal Order of Scotland in 1993.

Pierre was instrumental in creating the French Bodies of the Valley of Montreal. He was a founding member of the first French-speaking Lodge of Perfection in North America, la Loge de Perfection Fleur de Lys.

In 2009, the Grand Lodge of Quebec recognized his service and dedication, presenting him with the Pro-Merito Award.

III. Bro Phaneuf translated the rituals of the Scottish Rite, currently followed by our French-speaking Bodies.

These are but a few of his many accomplishments. Thank you, Pierre, for all you did for Freemasonry in the Province of Quebec. You will be greatly missed.

**Illustrious Brother Robert Leroux Taylor, 33°**
III. Bro. Robert Taylor, of Sydney Nova Scotia, passed away on May 14th, 2024.

Born February 2nd, 1937, in Glace Bay, he married Marjorie Lorna MacNeil in 1963. They were blessed with daughters, Claire Michelle and Carolyn Giselle, and several family members. Robert received his early education in Glace Bay. He attended Cape Breton University and completed the Canadian Institute of Management Course in 1973. Robert began employment with the Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation, remaining with the company for 37 years until retiring in 1994.

He attended and was an Elder of the former First United Church, Sydney. He later attended Westmount United Church.

In 1967, Robert began his Masonic career, as a member of Sydney Lodge No. 84. He served as Worshipful Master in 1977 and District Deputy Grand Master for Cape Breton Centre in 1980. In Scottish Rite Freemasonry, he joined the Cape Breton Lodge of Perfection in 1972 and the Isle Royale Chapter Rose Croix, serving as an officer in both bodies. Robert was Coroneted as an Honorary Inspector-General in 1986. He was Crowned an Active Member of the Supreme Council in 2002. Robert served six years as Deputy for Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, and Labrador. He has served as chairman of the Masonic Foundation of Nova Scotia. He was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, Philae Temple Shrine, and the Royal Order of Jesters.

Robert was always willing to share words of wisdom with his brothers. His steadfast joy to be involved with Masonry will be missed by all who have the pleasure of meeting and shaking his hand.

**Illustrious Brother William A.D. "Bill" Cook, 33°**
III. Bro. Cook passed away on June 27th, 2024 at the age of 88. He leaves behind his wife Joyce of 68 years, his daughters Kerry Lee, and Kelly, five grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and many family members.

Bill began his working career with the Imperial Bank of Commerce, then moved to Atomic Energy. He then transferred to the Regional Municipality of Ottawa Carlton as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Land Division.

Bill was a member of Goodwood Masonic Lodge and District Deputy Grand Master in 1981.

Bill joined the Ottawa Valley in 1975, serving as the Most Wise Sovereign in 1988. In 1998, Bill was elected Potentate of Tunis Shriners.

He was an avid sportsman, enjoyed woodworking, and loved dogs and horses.

**John Ross Matheson Award Recipient**
It was with sadness that we learned of the passing of Illustrious Brother, Doug Jagges, 33°. A Masonic Memorial Service for Barrie Honorary Inspector-General and John Ross Matheson Award recipient Ill. Bro. Jagges on January 3rd, 2024 under the auspices of Corinthian Lodge No. 96, Barrie, Ontario.

Doug was a much-respected individual, active in the community, and the driving force in bringing a Scottish Rite Learning Centre to the Valley of Barrie. He was the Valley's first recipient of the most prestigious John Ross Matheson Award.

**Honorary Inspectors-General**

Once again, we have lost the service of several Honorary Inspectors-General of our Noble Craft, who have served their respective Valleys with a commitment to excellence, providing strong leadership and mentorship to our brethren and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. We will miss seeing them in Lodge and the time spent with them. Their names will be spelled out in the printed Proceedings with a more detailed obituary for each of the following brethren:

ADAM, Michael John ..... August 24, 2023
ADEITE, Obafemi ..... July 16, 2024
ASHLEY, Paul Bradon ..... March 28, 2024
BARKER, Albert Arthur ..... December 1, 2023
BATTLE, Jesse Felix ..... November 21, 2023
BENNETT, Donald William ..... December 12, 2023
BENNETT, Donald ..... July 29, 2022
BIRNIE, Allan John Fredrick ..... September 19, 2023
BISHOP, Leonard Douglas ..... April 23, 2023
BLACK, William Marshall ..... July 25, 2022
BROOKS, Clark Stuart ..... May 21, 2024
BURLEIGH, James Williams ..... June 12, 2024
BYE, Robert Stanley ..... September 26, 2023
CARLISLE, James Kernaghan ..... December 31, 2023
DEARLOW, Loyd ..... May 24, 2024
DELINE, Ronald G. ..... April 27, 2024
FALKINGHAM, John Douglas ..... October 16, 2023
FIDLER, Earl Norton ..... March 15, 2024
GILLMAN, Robert Lee ..... May 2, 2024
HART, Donald Frederick ..... October 4, 2023
HENDERSON, Philip Henry ..... November 8, 2023
HITE, William Lundgren ..... May 16, 2024
JONES, Donald Edward ..... August 27, 2023
LAY, Keith Yardley ..... March 16, 2024
LEE, Murray William ..... May 23, 2024
LINEGAR, Kevin John Peter ..... May 6, 2024
LOWERY, John Kenneth ..... March 6, 2024
MCCONNELL, Johathan David ..... May 3, 2024
MCILVEEN, George Murray ..... December 23, 2023
MCINTYRE, John Ross ..... December 25, 2023
MCKEE, Charles Robert ..... December 14, 2023
MILLER, William James ..... September 15, 2023
MOUSER, Stanley Ross ..... October 30, 2023
MUNRO, Donald Alfred ..... December 9, 2023
MURPHY, Allison Richard ..... January 8, 2024
OGILVIE, Donald Loring ..... August 6, 2024
PRIDEAUX, Francis Donald ..... August 10, 2021
RANCE, Harry Raymond ..... July 31, 2024
SENN, Norman John ..... June 22, 2024
SINDEN, James George ..... December 20, 2023
TAGALLIE, Ashton Anthony ..... November 16, 2023
THOMPSON, Gerald A. ..... June 8, 2024
WARNER, Donald James ..... April 14, 2024
WAYRENEN, Leo Allan ..... June 29, 2024
WEBSTER, John Lawrence ..... December 11, 2023

**Illustrious Deceased of Other Jurisdictions**
Our sincere sympathy from our Supreme Council brethren was sent to the members of the Supreme Council for Cote d'Ivoire on the passing of Illustrious Brother Geay Yacouba Ballo, 33°, Past Sovereign Grand Commander.

**Constituent Bodies**
On behalf of our Supreme Council brethren, sincere condolences were sent to M.W. Bro. Kyle Scott, Grand Master, and members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, on the passing of M.W. Bro. Douglas N. Troock, Past Grand Master.

On behalf of our Supreme Council brethren, sincere condolences were sent to M.W. Bro. Will Leano, Grand Master, and members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, on the sudden passing of M.W. Bro. Kyle Scott, Immediate Past Grand Master.

**Family Members**
We extend our sincere condolences to every family member for the loss of their loved ones during the past year. It bears repeating that they were all valuable supporters of our efforts to aid our Lodges, our Rite, and our communities. We couldn't do what we do without their understanding and encouragement. We were advised of the loss of Ruby Chalmers, mother-in-law of Grand Secretary-General and Past Sovereign Grand Commander Terry McLean; Monica Glattly, wife of Honorary Member David Glattly; Wanda West, mother-in-law of Active Member Jeff Dickson; Elenore Wills, mother of Lieutenant Grand Commander Tom Wills; Jean Floyd, mother-in-law of Lieutenant Grand Commander Tom Wills.

**PAST ACTIVE RANK**

Our statutes require that upon an Active Member attaining the age of 75, he must transfer to Past Active status.

Illustrious Brother Jacques Ruelland, 33°, Valley of Montreal, has reached this milestone. III. Bro. Ruelland, joined Masonry in 1994, was the Worshipful Master of La Loge Jean D. Desaguliers No. 138 in 2000-01, and the District Deputy Grand Master of Montreal District No. 4 in 2005. In 1997 he was among the Founding Members of the Francophone Lodges of the Scottish Rite Valley of Montreal. Jacques served the Grand Lodge of Quebec on many committees and in the office of the Grand Secretary in 2011. He has the distinction of having the Grand Lodge of Quebec Library named after him- "Jacques G. Ruelland Masonic Library & Museum". Jacques is also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland. Within the Scottish Rite, He served as Thrice Puissant Grand Master from 2007-2009, was elected as the Grand Secretary/Registrar in 2018, Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General the same year in London, Ontario and was installed as the Deputy for Quebec in 2022. Jacques has served the Supreme Council on the Communications and the Education & Enlightenment Committees, and as a Director of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation. An accomplished author, he has also been instrumental in translating to French several Scottish Rite documents, research papers, the Statutes and Regulations, and addresses in recent years.

Another has asked to go Past Active for personal reasons,

Illustrious Brother John Harrison, 33°, Valley of Barrie. III. Bro. Harrison was Initiated into Rowland Lodge No. 646 in 1978, served as their Master in 1986, and became District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto No. 6 District in 2000. He has served the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario in several capacities. John has been actively involved in the operation of the Valley of Barrie since joining in 1979. He is a past Director of the 12$^{th}$ degree and a cast member for over 30 years. He served as the Most Wise Sovereign of the Spry Chapter of Rose Croix in 2004, Chair of the Officers Progression Committee, Director of the 18$^{th}$ degree, a representative of the Board of Trustees, Chair of the John Ross Matheson Committee, and has served as a Board Member of the Barrie Learning Centre since its inception. John was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General in Halifax, Nova Scotia in 2006 and in 2015 Crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General in Windsor, Ontario. He has served as a member and Chair of the Supreme Council

Audit and Finance Committee. In 2018, He was installed as Grand Standard Bearer in London, Ontario. He became a member of the Royal Order of Scotland in 2016.

While we bid them a fond farewell as Active Members of the Supreme Council, we thank them for their tremendous service, knowing we can call on them for assistance in the future.

**DISPENSATIONS and RULINGS**

The following Dispensations and Rulings were made since my last report:

October 5, 2023, Valley of Montreal, Deputy Jacques Ruelland. A request to produce a commemorative 150th Supreme Council Anniversary Tie for one year. Approved Art. 22(t).

May 15, 2024, Valley of Niagara, Deputy Jeff Dickson. A request to mint a coin to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Elgin Lodge of Perfection and the 150th Anniversary of the Supreme Council to be used for one year. Approved Art. 22(t).

June 6, 2024, Valley of Windsor, Deputy Richard Jones. Using the 150th SC Anniversary logo on golf balls for sale or distribution for one year. Approved Art. 22(t).

| Date | Valley | Body | Deputy | Request Details | Result / Decision |
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| 06/08/23 | Vernon | Chapter / Consistory | Doug Easton | For one member to hold multiple offices including one of the first three ranking offices | approved, ART 22 (f) x |
| 28/08/23 | Vancouver | Lodge / Chapter / Consistory | Doug Easton | To change the night of their stated meeting | approved, ART 26 (a) iv (5) |
| 07/09/23 | North Bay | Lodge / Chapter | Bob Brethour | For one member to hold multiple offices including one of the first three ranking offices | approved, ART 22 (f) x |
| 27/09/23 | Vancouver | Lodge / Chapter / Consistory | Doug Easton | To change the night of their stated meeting | approved, ART 26 (a) iv (5) |
| 01/10/23 | Kingston | Chapter | Ron Taylor | To permit a candidate who applied to one Valley to receive his first degree in another Valley (82 (a)) | approved, ART 22 (f) xiii |
| 02/10/23 | Kingston | Lodge / Chapter | Ron Taylor | To hold a Master Masons' Night November 16, 2023 | approved, ART 26 (a) iv (10) |
| 03/10/23 | Edmonton | Lodge / Chapter / Consistory | Allan Long | To change the night of their stated meeting | approved, ART 26 (a) iv (5) |
| 14/10/23 | Niagara | Lodge | Jeff Dickson | To permit a candidate who applied to one Valley to receive his first degree in another Valley (82 (a)) | approved, ART 22 (f) xiii |
| 19/10/23 | Vancouver | Consistory | Doug Easton | To change the night of their stated meeting | approved, ART 26 (a) iv (5) |
| 27/11/23 | Vancouver | Lodge / Chapter / Consistory | Doug Easton | To change the night of their stated meeting | approved, ART 26 (a) iv (5) |

| Date | Valley | Body | Deputy | Request Details | Result / Decision |
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| 30/11/23 | Woodstock | Chapter | Jeff Dickson | For one member to hold multiple offices including one of the first three ranking offices | approved, ART 22 (f) x |
| 12/12/23 | Peterborough | Lodge / Chapter | Ron Taylor | To hold elections & Installation on date other than stated in By-laws | approved, ART 26 (a) iv (11) |
| 21/12/23 | Vancouver | Lodge / Chapter / Consistory | Doug Easton | To change the night of their stated meeting | approved, ART 26 (a) iv (5) |
| 28/12/23 | Woodstock | Lodge | Jeff Dickson | To hold an open installation | approved, ART 26 (a) iv (7) |
| 04/01/24 | Edmonton | Lodge | Allan Long | To hold elections & Installation on date other than stated in By-laws | approved, ART 26 (a) iv (11) |
| 04/01/24 | Lethbridge | Lodge | Allan Long | To change the night of their stated meeting | approved, ART 26 (a) iv (5) |
| 08/01/24 | Sudbury | Lodge | Bob Brethour | To hold a Master Masons' Night February 12, 2024 | approved, ART 26 (a) iv (10) |
| 23/01/24 | Guelph | Chapter | Jeff Dickson | To permit a candidate who applied to one Valley to receive his first degree in another Valley (82 (a)) | approved, ART 22 (f) xiii |
| 02/02/24 | Guelph | Lodge | Jeff Dickson | To hold a Master Masons' Night April 13, 2024 | approved, ART 26 (a) iv (10) |
| 05/02/24 | Vancouver | Lodge / Chapter | Doug Easton | To change the night of their stated meeting | approved, ART 26 (a) iv (5) |
| 14/02/24 | St. John's | Chapter | Owen Devereaux | To hold re-lighting ceremony on Tuesday after Easter Sunday | approved, ART 26 (a) iv (9) |
| 15/02/24 | Barrie | Lodge | Bob Brethour | To hold a Master Masons' Night May 28, 2024 | approved, ART 26 (a) iv (10) |
| 18/02/24 | Edmonton | Consistory | Allan Long | To change the night of their stated meeting | approved, ART 26 (a) iv (5) |
| 20/02/24 | Edmonton | Chapter | Allan Long | To hold elections & Installation on date other than stated in By-laws | approved, ART 26 (a) iv (11) |
| 22/02/24 | Vancouver | Lodge | Doug Easton | To change the night of their stated meeting | approved, ART 26 (a) iv (5) |
| 01/03/24 | Saint John | Chapter | Graham Fraser | To permit a candidate who applied to one Valley to receive his first degree in another Valley (82 (a)) | approved, ART 22 (f) xiii |
| 01/03/24 | Fredericton | Chapter | Graham Fraser | To permit a candidate who applied to one Valley to receive his first degree in another Valley (82 (a)) | approved, ART 22 (f) xiii |

| Date | Valley | Body | Deputy | Request Details | Result / Decision |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 05/03/24 | Sault Ste Marie | Lodge | Bob Brethour | For one member to hold multiple offices including one of the first three ranking offices | approved, ART 22 (f) x |
| 06/03/24 | Sydney | Chapter | Owen Devereaux | To hold re-lighting ceremony on Monday after Easter Sunday | approved, ART 26 (a) iv (9) |
| 12/03/24 | Calgary | Chapter | Allan Long | To permit a candidate who applied to one Valley to receive his first degree in another Valley (82 (a)) | approved, ART 22 (f) xiii |
| 14/03/24 | Montreal | Chapter | Jacques Ruelland | To hold re-lighting ceremony on Monday after Easter Sunday | approved, ART 26 (a) iv (9) |
| 15/03/24 | Peterborough | Lodge | Ron Taylor | To hold a Master Masons' Night May 14, 2024 | approved, ART 26 (a) iv (10) |
| 16/03/24 | Summerside | Chapter | Owen Devereaux | To hold re-lighting ceremony on Monday after Easter Sunday | approved, ART 26 (a) iv (9) |
| 19/03/24 | Toronto | Lodge | Jeff Dickson | To hold a Master Masons' Night May 30, 2024 | approved, ART 26 (a) iv (10) |
| 21/03/24 | Guelph | Chapter | Jeff Dickson | To hold the re-lighting ceremony with family and friends | approved, ART 26 (a) iv (8) |
| 25/04/24 | Edmonton | Chapter | Allan Long | To hold elections & Installation on date other than stated in By-laws | approved, ART 26 (a) iv (11) |
| 23/04/24 | Vancouver | Lodge / Chapter / Consistory | Doug Easton | To change the night of their stated meeting | approved, ART 26 (a) iv (5) |
| 29/04/24 | Guelph | Lodge / Chapter | Jeff Dickson | To hold an open installation | approved, ART 26 (a) iv (7) |
| 30/04/24 | Woodstock | Lodge | Jeff Dickson | To hold a Master Masons' Night May 25, 2024 | approved, ART 26 (a) iv (10) |
| 14/05/24 | Niagara | Lodge | Jeff Dickson | To hold a joint 100th (Elgin) and 150th (Supreme Council) event | approved, ART 22 (f) ix |
| 27/05/24 | Vancouver | Lodge / Chapter / Consistory | Doug Easton | To change the night of their stated meeting | approved, ART 26 (a) iv (5) |
| 27/05/24 | Vancouver | Lodge | Doug Easton | To hold a Master Masons' Night May 29, 2024 | denied, ritual approval required |
| 17/06/24 | Central Alberta | Lodge | Allan Long | To alter the meeting location | approved, ART 26 (a) iv (3 & 4) |

**BY-LAW AMENDMENTS**

Over the course of the past year, five Valleys took the opportunity to have proposed By-laws reviewed by the Committees on Jurisprudence & Legislation and Audit & Finance before presenting them to their membership for final approval. This pre-approval process eliminates the possibility of having Valley

approved By-laws rejected by Supreme Council due to conflicts with the Statutes and Regulations and speeds up the By-law amendment process considerably.

Final approval of By-law amendments was given for the Valleys of Peterborough and Hamilton.

**JOHN ROSS MATHESON AWARDS**

Brethren, I was once again privileged to present two John Ross Matheson Awards to the following worthy recipients: In the Valley of Montreal to III. Bro. George Contaxakis, 33°, and from the Valley of Niagara to III. Bro. Doug Mitchell, 32°. Both joined by family members, were humbled and honoured to receive acknowledgment for their work within their respective Valleys and Communities. Our sincere congratulations!

We express our continued thanks to the Committee on Special Awards, Chair, Ill. Bro. Owen Devereaux, 33° for their deliberations.

**SUPREME COUNCIL INITIATIVES**

Within the reports of the Proceedings, you will read about the many initiatives underway to enhance the Scottish Rite Experience. I take this opportunity to point out a few of the many accomplishments of our Chairs and their Committees: The newly released 6th Degree Video, the Grand Secretary-General's Membership Committee, and the National Speakers Series.

Further, an updated Membership Opinion Survey was released this Spring. The results confirmed that our initiatives remain of relevant importance to our membership.

Brethren, your input is most appreciated and welcome. Please peruse the reports, and reach out to the respective Chairs of those Committees you may be interested in assisting.

**OFFICIAL VISITS and ATTENDANCES**

September 6th, 2023, (up to and including scheduled visits) September 14th, 2024

| **2023** | **Event** |
|---|---|
| Sep 6 | Deputy Think Tank Zoom Meeting- With Active Members of Ron Taylor's Valleys |
| Sep 8 | SRCF Director's Zoom Meeting |
| Sep 13 | SC Executive Sessions via Zoom |
| Sep 19 | Travelled with Artist Jack Lockhart to Hamilton for a tour of the Cathedral followed by a Zoom meeting with the 150th Anniversary Committee to introduce him and explain his vision for the painting. |
| Sep 30 | Valley of North Bay Rose Croix Reunion. |
| Oct 10 | SRCF Zoom Meeting |
| Oct 10 | SC 150th Anniversary Committee Zoom meeting |
| Oct 11 | Valley of North Bay Rose Croix Installation |
| Oct 13 | North Bay Lodge 617 Social evening |
| Oct 14 | North Bay Lodge 617- Silver to Gold Ceremony and banquet |
| Oct 19 | Brothers Across Borders Zoom meeting |
| Oct 19 | Powassan Lodge 443- DDGM OV |
| Oct 28 | Royal Order of Hamilton meetings- Hamilton |
| Nov 2 | Valley of Niagara- O.V., met with the leadership team, dinner, and Rose Croix 15th degree |
| Nov 3 | Valley of London- O.V. met with the leadership team and supper |
| Nov 4 | Valley of London- Continued O.V.- R C Reunion |
| Nov 8 | SC 150th Anniversary Committee Zoom meeting |

| 2023 | Event |
|---|---|
| Nov 9 | SC Advisory Council meeting |
| Nov 10 | SRCF Board meeting via Zoom |
| Nov 13 | Deputy Taylor Think Tank |
| Nov 13 | Nipissing Lodge 420 |
| Nov 14 | Rorab Shrine Club- monthly lunch |
| Nov 14 | Strong Lodge 423- DDGM OV |
| Nov 17-18 | Valley of Barrie- Consistory |
| Nov 21 | Rorab Shrine Club- Dinner meeting |
| Nov 23 | Provincial Deputies meeting via Zoom |
| Nov 24-25 | Valley of Hamilton- Moore Sovereign Consistory |
| Nov 27 | Nipissing Lodge 420 |
| Nov 29 | Valley of Toronto- Officers Christmas Gala |
| Nov 30 | SC E & E Committee- National Speaker Series via Zoom |
| Dec 6 | North Bay Lodge 617 |
| Dec 7 | Mississauga Lodge 524- Nephew Allan Finbow was Raised to the 3rd Degree |
| Dec 10 | Presbyterian Church North Bay- with our Masonic Family |
| Dec 11 | Nipissing Lodge 420- Christmas dinner and DDGM OV |
| Dec 13 | Valley of North Bay- Executive meeting |
| Dec 14 | Brothers Across Borders Zoom meeting |
| Dec 19 | Rorab Shrine Club- Dinner meeting |
| **2024** | **Event** |
| Jan 2 | Muskoka Lodge 360- Installation of Officers |
| Jan 8 | Nipissing Lodge 420 |
| Jan 9 | Rorab Shrine Club Luncheon |
| Jan 10 | SC Future Initiatives Zoom meeting |
| Jan 11 | Brothers across Borders Zoom meeting |
| Jan 16 | SC 150th Anniversary Committee Zoom meeting |
| Jan 18 | Imperial Shrine Webinar |
| Jan 20 | Valley of Barrie- Installation of Officers, Committee Reports, and lunch |
| Jan 22 | Nipissing Lodge 420 |
| Jan 30 | Valley of Hamilton- Speaker Series via Zoom |
| Feb 3 | Valley of Sudbury- Robbie Burns Dinner and 150th Ann. Celebrations of SC |
| Feb 7 | North Bay Lodge 617- DDGM OV |
| Feb 12 | Nipissing Lodge 420 |
| Feb 13 | Rorab Shrine Club Luncheon |
| Feb 17 | Powassan Lodge 443- Valentines Dinner Dance |
| Feb 20 | Rorab Shrine Club Dinner Meeting |
| Feb 21 | Eastern Star- Luncheon |
| Feb 22 | 183 Club- Dinner Meeting |
| Feb 26 | Valley of Ottawa- O.V. & Leadership meeting & an update on the plans for the 2024 SC Session |
| Feb 28 | Nipissing Lodge- Friend to Friend Evening |
| Mar 5 | SC 150th Anniversary Committee- Zoom meeting |
| Mar 6 | North Bay Lodge 617 |
| Mar 7 | Shrine Imperial Membership & Marketing webinar |

| 2024 | Event |
|---|---|
| Mar 11 | Englehart Lodge 524- Meeting & Recognition Night banquet for Wayne Nelson- 60 years a Mason |
| Mar 12 | Rorab Shrine Club Luncheon |
| Mar 13 | Valley of North Bay- LOP & RC meetings |
| Mar 16 | 183 Club- St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Dance |
| Mar 19 | SC Advisory Committee Meeting via Zoom |
| Mar 19 | Rorab Shrine Club- Dinner meeting |
| Mar 21 | Brothers Across Borders- Monthly Zoom meeting featuring an address by G.M. Kyle Scott Province of Alberta- Scotland-How they Invented the Modern World |
| Mar 21 | Powassan Lodge 443- 80th Annual Visit of the North Bay Valley- 2nd degree and presentation on the AASR |
| Mar 23 | Valley of Peterborough- RC Reunion; 150th SC Anniversary concert & banquet- Luncheon Guest Speaker |
| Mar 25 | Valley of Woodstock- O.V.; 18th degree |
| Mar 28 | Valley of North Bay- Maundy Thursday |
| Mar 31 | Valley of North Bay- Easter Sunday |
| Apr 9 | 150th SC Anniversary- Zoom meeting |
| Apr 10 | Valley of North Bay- LOP regular & ballot meeting |
| Apr 11 | Brothers across Borders- Monthly Zoom featuring an address by RW Bro Elkan Levy |
| Apr 13 | Barrie- Taped my interview for the 150th SGC segment in Ottawa |
| Apr 16 | Rorab Shrine Club- Monthly dinner meeting |
| Apr 19-20 | Valley of Sudbury & District- Combined O.V. with myself & Deputy Brethour |
| Apr 23 | Provincial Deputies- Zoom Meeting |
| Apr 25 | Valley of Winnipeg- Dinner meeting with Prov. Deputy Greasley; Active Member Taylor and two members of the leadership team |
| Apr 26-27 | Winnipeg- Attended the All-Canada Conference as an observer. I was pleased to make a presentation on our 150th Anniversary of SC |
| May 3-4 | Valley of Toronto- LOP Reunion - Official Visit |
| May 7 | Nipissing/North Bay Lodge- Luncheon for our honoured ladies |
| May 7 | SC Future Initiatives- Zoom meeting |
| May 8 | Mississauga- Sunnylea Lodge Installation of Officers |
| May 9 | Toronto Ontario Legislature- Proclamation of the 150th Anniversary of SC- Along with the LGC & GSG we were guests of MPP Bob Baily, 33° |
| May 9 | Valley of Hamilton- A meeting with the Leadership Team |
| May 10-11 | Moore Sovereign Consistory- Spring Assembly- Official Visit |
| May 13-14 | SRCF in Hamilton- Dinner on the 13th followed by an in-person meeting on the 14th |
| May 15 | Valley of North Bay- LOP Installation of Officers |
| May 18 | Barrie- Freemasons Day hosted by Georgian North/South with speakers and a Town Hall hosted by the Grand Master |
| May 21 | Rorab Shrine Club- Annual Ladies/Honoured Ladies supper & meeting attended by Rameses Potentate |
| May 22 | Barrie- Founders Golf Tournament- played with Active Members of SC |
| May 23 | Shrine Imperial- Membership & Marketing Webinar |
| May 25 | School of Fine Dining Markam- 150th Anniversary of SC Gala Hosted by the Valley of Toronto |
| May 26 | District Divine Service in Stroud- hosted by Georgian North/South |
| May 27 | Nipissing Lodge 420- Third degree- Final Charge |

| 2024 | Event |
|---|---|
| May 28 | SC 150th Anniversary Committee- Zoom meeting |
| May 29 | Valley of Guelph- Open Installation of Officers of the LOP / RC and presentation of a 60-year certificate to Ill. Bro. Ralph West |
| May 30 | Valley of Barrie- Speaker series Zoom event |
| Jun 1 | North Bay Nipissing 420- Amalgamation, Installation of Officers, and Banquet- I MC'd the banquet |
| Jun 12 | Unity Lodge 376- Installation of Officers |
| Jun 13 | Hamilton SC Office- spent the afternoon |
| Jun 13 | Hamilton L.C. Graduation & BBQ |
| Jun 14 | Valley of Hamilton- Golf T for the SRCF & Hamilton L.C |
| Jun 18 | Algonquin Lodge- Installation of Officers/50-Year Presentation |
| Jun 22 | Masonic Memorial Service- Randy Sheppard |
| Jun 26 | 150th SC Anniversary Committee Zoom meeting |
| Jun 30-Jul 5 | Shrine Imperial Sessions in Reno NV |
| Jul 6 | Valley of Barrie- 150th SC Anniversary Reception/Dinner/Dance |
| Jul 16-18 | GLOCPOO Annual Communication |
| Jul 25 | Province of Ontario Actives/Past Actives- Annual Zoom meeting |
| Jul 27 | Valley of Barrie- BBQ Pig & Corn Roast with proceeds to the Regalia Fund and the Barrie Learning Centre |
| Aug 7 | 150th Anniversary Committee- Zoom meeting |
| Aug 9 | Valley of Peterborough- Golf Tournament in support of the Barrie & Hamilton Learning Centres |
| Aug 14-17 | Regina- A guest for the Annual Sessions of the Grand Imperial Conclave and Sovereign Grand Priory |
| Aug 20 | 150th Anniversary Committee- Zoom meeting with Ottawa Session Photographers |
| Sep 3 | Valley of Chatham- Official Visit |
| Sep 5 | Burks Falls- Corona Lodge 454- Recognition Night for R.W. Bro. David Schmeler |
| Sep 9-14 | 150th Annual Sessions of Supreme Council |

Brethren, during each of the above opportunities to witness our degrees, meet, and socialize it is with gratitude that I have met so many fine gentlemen and ladies; a chance to listen, learn, and share good practices for the benefit of our Craft, our Rite, and our communities.

**PROVINCIAL DEPUTIES**

I am grateful for the support and dedication of our eleven Provincial Deputies. The time and effort to visit and report on the status of their respective Valleys are appreciated by me, the Lieutenant Grand Commander, Tom Wills, 33°, Grand Secretary-General, Terry McLean, 33°, Chief Operating Officer, Steven Warren, 33°, Office & Finance Administrator, Leslie Drake, and Office Administrator Barb Lee. During my official visits, members have expressed their gratitude for the leadership of their Deputies as we continue to expand communication and best practices.

Further, the Deputy's Award Program is gaining strength, we are well on our way to the goal of 100% participation.

**SCOTTISH RITE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION**

Congratulations to President Ill. Bro, Gareth Taylor, 33°, and the Board of Directors.

Happy 60th Anniversary!

Much has been accomplished since 1964, as the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation continues its efforts into scientific research for the “Puzzles of the Mind”. The SRCF is proud to deliver substantial financial aid to promising Researchers.

I welcome and extend my best wishes to III. Bro. Bill Cave, 33°, new Executive Director of our Scottish Rite Learning Centres. Our nine Scottish Rite Learning Centres continue to flourish. Several graduation ceremonies have taken place in recent months. For example: I was honoured to attend the graduation ceremonies in Hamilton, Ontario in June. Inspiring speeches by students, family members, and tutors are a tribute and affirmation, of the good work done by Scottish Rite Freemasons, Family, and Friends.

Brethren, when the opportunity presents itself, please attend a Graduation Ceremony or listen to an inspiring speech. It will give you a better understanding of the outstanding work being offered at our Scottish Rite Learning Centres. Further information may be found on our website www.srcf.ca

To another 60 years of success and accomplishments of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation!

**SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTORS-GENERAL**

During our 149th Annual Sessions communicated via Zoom, III. Bro. Fayez Oustwani, 33°, was elected as an Active Member of the Supreme Council. I was pleased to Crown him during my official visit to the Valley of Montreal in October 2023. The official Crowning ceremony of our new Sovereign Grand Inspector-General will take place during the 150th Annual Session in Ottawa.

**SPECIAL MENTIONS**

www.scottishritecanada.ca

This is a website for all Scottish Rite members. It contains a plethora of information in the member’s section. There you will learn of the ongoing efforts of our committees focusing on our core goals of leadership, membership, communication, and education. We are constantly updating the information- it is yours to discover!

III. Bro. Evan Woodhead, 33°, continues to add several videos of interest to the library section. While some are in the 10-12-minute range others will take 5 minutes of your time to learn about our rich history.

The recently expanded Clarion and Communique have been met with rave reviews. Our thanks are extended to all for their contributions.

We were thrilled with the National Speaker Series in November 2023. It garnered an audience of over 500 confirmed attendees via Zoom. I am sure, it was larger as several Valleys hosted gatherings to watch as a group. Watch for details of this year’s presentation.

The 150th Supreme Council Anniversary Committee- It has been sensational to work with the energetic, creative members to promote local events, educate us on the history of our Rite in Canada, and prepare for the gala events taking place in Ottawa. While at our annual session, with the assistance of many volunteers, we plan on sharing stories, photographs, and videos with our members nationwide. Among the formidable accomplishments of the committee are the following:

- Your Supreme Council was honoured to have our Anniversary recognized in the Province of Ontario Legislature by the Member of Provincial Parliament for Sarnia - Lambton, Bob Baily, himself an Honorary Inspector-General, 33°. We are pleased to have III. Bro. Bailey with us during our 150th Sessions of this Supreme Council.
- Our thanks to Lieutenant Grand Commander Tom Wills, 33°, and III. Bro. Milan Cobanov, 33°, for producing a historical enactment of the Formation of our Supreme Council in 1874. We are grateful for the participation of those acting in the roles of founding fathers III. Bros. Harington (III. Bro. Bob Keay, 33°), MacLeod Moore ( III. Bro. Frank Groves, 33°), and Murton (III. Bro. Bryan Lawson, 33°).
- I was honoured to introduce the actors mentioned above with their wives Johanna, Diane, and Ingrid on Wednesday, as they dawned the wardrobes of the 19th century, provided historical information to our members and guests, and allowed their pictures to be taken. I thank each of them for participating and allowing us a unique look back to 1874.

**CONCLUSION**

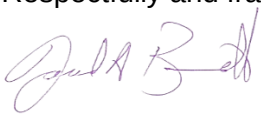
At the very least, it has been an exciting year! I have been privileged to continue traveling to many of our Valleys, witnessing the excellent ritual work, renewing friendships, and meeting many new members of our beloved Rite.

My wife Aurore, and I are thankful for the opportunity to attend many of the 150th Anniversary Celebrations. I regret we were not able to go to all scheduled, however, to all: congratulations for hosting successful events with families and friends!

To our host city Ottawa for the 150th Annual Sessions of the Supreme Council of Canada, my heartfelt thanks to General Chairman III. Bro. John Lark, 33°, and your committee for your tireless efforts in ensuring all the bases have been covered as you welcome our members and distinguished guests to the “City that Fun Forgot”-Not!

I am blessed to have so many colleagues to assist me daily. My continuing thanks to Grand Secretary-General, III. Bro. Terry McLean, 33°, Chief Operating Officer, III. Bro. Steven Warren, 33°, Lieutenant Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. Thomas Wills, 33°, Office and Finance Administrator, Leslie Drake, and Office Administrator, Barb Lee. Further, I am grateful for the diligent efforts of our Provincial Deputies, the Advisory Council, Committee Chairmen, and Active/Past Active Members. Thank you all for your time to lend an ear, offer guidance, and most of all your friendship!

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,



David A. Bennett, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander

Friday, September 13, 2024 – 11:30am

**The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Of Canada**

SRCF Minutes of the Directors Meeting

Prince Edward Island Room, Westin Ottawa Hotel, Ottawa, Ontario

**Directors Present:** Richard E. Jones, John G.I. Lark, James G. Vasko, Gareth R. Taylor, Mark Durant, Thomas A. Wills, Steve M. Kennard, David A. Bennett, N. Kent Clarke, Paul Finch, Gary Cayen, and Joseph Angel.

**Regrets:** John M. Forster.

The meeting was called to order by President Gareth R. Taylor at 11:30. The roll call is noted above.

President Gareth R. Taylor opened the meeting, welcomed Board members and recognized our two newest Directors N. Kent Clarke and Paul Finch.

President Gareth R. Taylor chaired the elections as he had removed his name from consideration. He asked for nominations for the Office of President. Richard E. Jones was nominated by Thomas A. Wills and the nomination was seconded by N. Kent Clarke. There being no further nominations, the Chairman declared nominations closed and Richard Jones was proclaimed President of the SRCF by acclamation.

President Gareth R. Taylor asked for nominations for the office of Vice-President. John G. I. Lark was nominated as Vice-President by Thomas A. Wills, and the nomination was seconded by Joseph Angel. There being no further nominations, the Chairman declared nominations closed and John G. I. Lark was proclaimed Vice-President of the SRCF by acclamation.

Upon receiving the gavel as new President, Richard E. Jones made the following remarks: “As I take the gavel to start my term as President, I want to take a moment to thank Gareth for his leadership of the Foundation for 9 years. His calm and thoughtful leadership has been a valuable guiding force, moving us forward through challenges like the COVID 19 pandemic and the new CRA rules that required a dramatic increase in our disbursements.

I look forward to Gareth completing his term as a Director. We will continue to value his recommendations and suggestions as we move forward. The increased disbursements and the capable new Executive Director are conditions where new opportunities can be explored. Thank you, Gareth.”

President Richard E. Jones then made the following two appointments: Secretary; Mark Durant, Treasurer; James G. Vasko.

President Richard E. Jones noted that Board committees will be formed in the coming weeks and a Board meeting will be held this fall. He announced that there will be four meetings in the coming year: a virtual meeting this fall, in person meeting in April of 2025 and two meetings in September of 2025.

Thomas A. Wills moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 am and the meeting was adjourned

Sovereign Grand Commander's Banquet
Friday Evening, September 13, 2024

The Sovereign Grand Commander's Banquet was held at the Westin Ottawa, in the Provinces & Confederation Ballroom at 6:45 p.m. with Sovereign Grand Commander David A. Bennett presiding.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police Pipes & Drums led the Special Guests into the Ballroom, then performed several selections with Scottish Dancers also performing.

Following the toast to the piper by Ill. Bro. Alan J. Stoddart, 33°, the Grand Prior, Ill. Bro. Gordon R. Maitland, 33°, offered the blessing.

The Sovereign Grand Commander then toasted the King and the Craft after singing of the Royal Anthem, and proposed a toast to the Office of Head of State of Jurisdictions Represented.

Following dinner, the evening unfolded with the following:

Tributes to the Ladies and Visitors by Sovereign Grand Commander Bennett.

Ill. Bro. Terry A. McLean, 33°, Chairman of the 150th Anniversary Committee, introduced John McDermott, a renowned Scottish-Canadian tenor, and his band, who entertained with several selections including Danny Boy and Try to Remember.

Presentation by the Valley of Hamilton
Ill. Bro. Louis M. Domjan, 33°, General Chairman and Ill. Bro. Michael R. Martin, 33°.

Toast to the Host Valley
Ill. Bro. Owen T. Devereaux, 33°, Deputy for NS, PE, NL

Remarks on Behalf of the Ottawa Host Committee
Ill. Bro. John G. Lark, 33°, General Chairman, Ottawa Host Committee

The Sovereign Grand Commander then unveiled the specially commissioned 150th Anniversary painting commemorating 150 years of the Supreme Council of Canada. He then recognised the Sovereign Bodies that were in existence prior to the establishment of the Supreme Council.

John McDermott and his band returned to perform several more selections to the delight of all in attendance.

Sovereign Grand Commander's closing remarks.

Closing Prayer
Ill. Bro. Gordon R. Maitland, 33°, Grand Prior

O Canada

Pianist: Ill. Bro. Kenneth C. Adamson, 33°

# ►SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14◄

Saturday, September 14, 2024 ~ 8:00am
Confederation III, The Westin Ottawa Hotel, Ottawa, Ontario

The Sovereign Grand Commander declared the labours of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada resumed at 8:00am.

Ill. Bro. Alan Stoddart, 33°, reported on the 2025 Budget as presented and published in the Preliminary Report submitted and approved at the Executive Session earlier this week.

ON MOTION duly moved and seconded by Ill. Bros. Alan Stoddart, 33°, Grand Treasurer-General and John Harrison, 33°, that the Budget for fiscal 2025 be approved.

**SGC:** You've heard the motion, is there any discussion? All in favour? Carried.

Crowning of New Active Members

The Ceremony of the Crowning of the new Active Members was conducted by Ill. Bro. William A. Atkinson, 33°. This included two new members, elected at the 2024 Annual Session, and one current member who had previously been declared as Active Members by the Sovereign Grand Commander since the last Full Annual Session.

Fayez Oustwani, 33°, Valley of Montreal
David Jasper Boyd, 33°, Valley of Barrie
Adrian Cretu, 33°, Valley of Montreal

were Crowned according to ancient custom as Active Members of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

The Executive Session was closed and the Sovereign Grand Commander invited the Honorary Inspectors-General to enter.

Saturday, September 14, 2024 ~ 8:45am
Confederation III, The Westin Ottawa Hotel, Ottawa, Ontario

**SGC:** This is absolutely fabulous to see a full lodge room once again this morning. I trust everyone had a great night and enjoyed the banquet last night. I looked around the room and I saw many of you singing along with John McDermott, and it was just a fantastic night and we look forward now to continuing with the general sessions.

At this time, I would like to invite all John Ross Matheson Award recipients to sit in the East. They will be escorted by the Grand Marshal.

Douglas R Soden, Valley of Nanaimo, 2020
George Contaxakis, Valley Of Montreal, 2023
Douglas Mitchell, Valley of Niagara, 2023

My brethren, prior to your entry into the lodge this morning, we had an Executive Session in which we Crowned two new Active Members and actually did the official Crowning Ceremony of Illustrious Brother Oustwani. I would now like to ask them to stand and be recognized, Illustrious Brother David J Boyd, 33°, from the Valley of Barrie, Illustrious Brother Adrian Cretu, 33°, from the Valley of Montreal. These are your newly Crowned Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General, how do we receive them?

We will now receive the addendum to report of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Legislation regarding the Allocution. Illustrious Brother Brian W. Gilkinson, our Grand Chancellor.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren

As directed by motion yesterday, and pursuant to Article 22 (s) of the Statutes and Regulations, your committee has reviewed the Allocution the Sovereign Grand Commander presented to this 150th Annual Session of Supreme Council and now reports on its contents covering the second year of his quadrennial term of office.

It is very appropriate that our Sovereign Grand Commander's opening remarks in his Allocution wish the members of our Supreme Council a happy 150th anniversary. They also acknowledge the indispensable leadership and vision of his predecessors in making it possible to do so. It is a characteristic theme of his tenure as our Sovereign Grand Commander that we celebrate social interaction with and the contributions of our ladies, as well as the friendships gained through involvement with our Scottish Rite.

His report on Necrology is particularly poignant in acknowledging those valued members of our Supreme Council who were unable to join with us in this year of anniversary celebration. Past Grand Prior Ill. Bro. Michael Farr often said that in reviewing the names of those that have passed we have an opportunity to remind ourselves of our own connection to them and the enrichment that connection gave to our lives. The well-written words of the Necrology assist us greatly in that regard, whether they deal with Ill. Bros. Ray Thomas Bryant, 33°, Stanley James Clayton, 33°, Pierre Arthur Phaneuf, 33°, Robert Leroux Taylor, 33°, William A. D. Cook, 33°, or those listed as Honorary Inspectors-General who have passed in the last year. Our Sovereign Grand Commander's comments reveal men who were builders, giving much of themselves for the good of their fellows, their faith and their country. We would do well to emulate them and Ill. Bro. Doug Jagges, a John Ross Matheson Award Recipient, as the baton for another 150 years is passed to us and those that follow us.

Ill. Bro. Bennett's remarks concerning the passing of distinguished brethren in other Supreme Councils, in the Grand Lodge of Alberta and within the families of our members underscores that while our Scottish Rite is part of a world-wide fraternity of like-minded brethren, it is incumbent on us to realize how much we depend on those nearest and dearest to us closer to home. Recognition of the losses impacting Ill. Bros. Terry McLean, 33°, Thomas Wills, 33°, and Jeff Dickson, 33°, among others, is a testament to that truth.

Your committee joins our Sovereign Grand Commander in recognizing the contributions of Ill. Bro. Jacques Ruelland, 33°, and Ill. Bro. John Harrison, 33°, to the work of Supreme Council, as they transfer to Past Active status. His reminder, to them and us, that there is no such thing in Masonry as a retired list reveals how truth is best delivered with good humour.

The list of dispensations and rulings by our Sovereign Grand Commander and his Deputies illustrates that while our Statutes and Regulations set the parameters by which our Supreme Council and its constituent bodies live and act, those general provisions contain within them sufficient flexibility to allow for some colouring outside the lines where circumstances require that support. It is incumbent on each of us to review these dispensations and rulings and realize that Supreme Council is our government and it really is here to help. Your committee appreciates Ill. Bro. Bennett's comments regarding a new innovation to streamline the By-law amendment process and his recognition that this will benefit the Valleys, and Deputies, as they prepare and review intended applications.

Monuments to the memory of good and great men come in many forms. In our Scottish Rite they come in the form of the John Ross Matheson Award and all of us join with Ill. Bro. Bennett in congratulating Ill. Bro. George Contaxakis, 33°, of the Valley of Montreal and Ill. Bro. Douglas Mitchell, 33°, of the Valley of Niagara as the latest recipients of this highest honour. We treasure our association with such brethren and their memory will indeed live on long after they have laid down their working tools.

Since Ill. Bro. Richard Brown, 33°, was our Sovereign Grand Commander, we have seen regular updates in Allocutions of progress made in furthering the initiatives of Supreme Council under the headings of Leadership, Membership, Communications that he established and Education and Enlightenment, added by Ill. Bro. Terry McLean, 33°, in his time as Sovereign Grand Commander. Ill. Bro. Bennett underscores

the importance of these initiatives by referencing their related innovations. Surveys of the membership in 2015, and most recently its updated version, form an indispensable link between the wishes expressed by our membership and the actions of Supreme Council to create principled responses to them. The gold to be mined as a result is most accessible by logging on to the www.scottishritecanada.ca website and digging into the various articles, videos and presentations designed to stimulate each one of us, making us more knowledgeable, serviceable and hopefully more committed to the welfare of our Rite. His specific mention of this opportunity, and for the excellent work accomplished by Ill. Bro. Evan Woodhead, 33°, and Ill. Bro. Milan Cobanov, 33°, is an indication of how important the website should be to every one of our members.

If you think your life is too busy and that a rest is in order, try copying the example of our Sovereign Grand Commander, and to a large extent his lady Aurore, as displayed in his list of Official Visits and Attendances. Since September 6th of last year our Sovereign Grand Commander has devoted himself to the business of administering and/or representing our Scottish Rite on 121 occasions, most of which required extensive travel. His dedication and diligence in the performance of his duties deserves our heartfelt appreciation.

Ill. Bro. Bennett's expression of congratulations to Ill. Bro. Gareth Taylor, 33°, President of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation, on its 60th anniversary evidences the close relationship between our Rite and its Charitable arm that has existed throughout our joint history. We all appreciate the efforts of the Foundation in funding research into puzzles of the mind and in supporting the establishment of Learning Centres for Children, Centres now under the supervision of Ill. Bro. Bill Cave, 33°, as their new Executive Director.

The work of the Rite goes on, even in times when meetings must be conducted by Zoom technology. His reference to the election of Ill. Bro. Fayez Oustwani, 33°, as an Active Member (SGIG) via a Zoom Executive Annual Session, followed by his Crowning during an Official Visit to the Valley of Montreal is Ill. Bro. Bennett's example to all of us that where there is a will there is a way. His reference to the work of our Scottish Rite publications, the Clarion and the Communique, the advent of the National Speakers Series and the work over thirty-three months of the 150th Anniversary Committee, under the chairmanship of Ill. Bro. Terry McLean, 33°, and Ill. Bro. Steven Warren, 33°, are object lessons in setting goals and achieving them. That committee joins with our Sovereign Grand Commander in hoping that you found this Annual Session to be both rewarding and enjoyable.

Your committee appreciates Ill. Bro. Bennett's highlighting of certain aspects of this anniversary celebration, including the recognition accorded our Rite by the Legislative Assembly in the Province of Ontario, and the production by Ill. Bros. Tom Wills, 33°, and Milan Cobanov, 33°, of the historical re-enactment of the establishment of our Supreme Council by Ill. Bros. Bob Keay, 33°, Frank Groves, 33°, and Bryan Lawson, 33°, all of whom look like they could have been present in 1874 but for the presence of their ever youthful ladies, Johanna, Diane and Ingrid respectively.

Accomplishments in our Scottish Rite are most often the product of a team effort. Ill. Bro. Bennett's expressions of appreciation to the Deputies, Ill. Bro. Tom Wills, 33°, Lieutenant Grand-Commander, Ill. Bro. Terry McLean, 33°, Grand Secretary-General and Past Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. Alan Stoddart, 33°, Grand Treasurer-General and the staff of the Supreme Council Office and others are sincere and well-deserved.

Sovereign Grand Commander, this committee finds your Allocution to be informative and instructive. It paints a beautiful picture of this very busy year in your life and in that of our Scottish Rite. It will no doubt be of great historical value to our present and future members.

Congratulations on your personal success in guiding our Rite in this very special year.

Submitted respectfully,
Brian W. Gilkinson, 33° Chairman
Steven E. Warren, 33° Jeffrey R. Dickson, 33°
Stephen G. Hannah, 33° Donald D. Thornton, 33°

ON MOTION duly moved and seconded by Ill. Bros. Brian Gilkinson, 33° and Steven Warren, 33°, that Part II of the Report be received and accepted.

**SGC:** Brethren, you've heard the motion properly proposed and seconded. Is there any discussion? All in favour? Carried.

Thank you very much, Illustrious Brother Gilkinson, for those kind remarks.

I'd now like Ill. Bro. Gareth Taylor to provide us with a report on the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation.

Ill. Bro. Taylor presented his Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Presidents' Report:

SRCF President's Report

As printed in the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Annual Report 2023-2024

Wow. This year the Foundation turned 60!!! I wonder what the Founding Fathers of the Foundation would say about the work we are currently doing. Ill. Bro. Donald M. Fleming 33°, who wrote the history of the first 20 years of the Foundation speaking specifically about the chosen focus of the Charity described how providential it was in choosing mental health as the object of charitable support by the Foundation. We have evolved in our thinking about mental health issues since 1964, but I believe that our Foundation's goal of Solving the Puzzles of the mind is just as relevant and timely as it was when the Foundation started in 1964.

This has been another very busy year for the Foundation. At the May Board meeting, Ill. Bro. Evan Woodhead, 33°, facilitated a session to identify and evaluate options to increase the Foundation's annual disbursements. From this discussion, the Directors reaffirmed the two major thrusts for the Foundation's support are the Learning Centre program and Research Grant program. The Research Grants will increase from a maximum of $40,000 per annum for up to three years to $60,000 per annum for up to three years. The Board also approved the funding of up to 5 grants per year, up from the current 4 grants per year. From this discussion, and in recognition of the Foundation's 60th Anniversary, a special SRCF 60th Anniversary Grant would be offered to each Learning Centre in the amount of $110,000 for program related expenses. All nine Learning Centres were able to take advantage of this extraordinary funding opportunity. During the meeting, the Directors appointed Ill. Bro. William (Bill) Cave, 33°, as the new Executive Director of the Learning Centres Program. Ill. Bro. Cave will be the third person to hold this position following in the footsteps of Ill. Bros. Harold E. Crosby 33° and Matthew F. Todd, 33°.

In the Grants and Awards report from Ill. Bro. Joseph Angel, we continue to fund 12 researchers across Canada and their quest into *Helping to Solve the Puzzles of the* Mind. We hope that many of these studies will yield important and timely results. Ill. Bro. Angel also reported that $36,000 was disbursed through the Provincial Deputy's Award Program this year to support worthwhile individuals or organizations in their local area. This is up from $19,000 last year and represents participation by 36 Valleys. We are getting closer to 100% participation. If Valleys have questions about the program, please contact the SRCF Office for more information. What better way to promote not only the SRCF, but also Scottish Rite Masonry.

Ill. Bro. Richard E. Jones, reports on the continued success of the Learning Centres with increases in the children enrolled in the Orton-Gillingham program and the increase in tutors, as well as the continued growth of the program.

In September 2024, we will see two new Directors being elected to the Board. We thank Ill. Bro. Jacques Ruelland for his service and dedication to the Foundation. We welcomed Ill. Bro. William Cave to the Board in September 2023, however he resigned from the Board with his appointment as the Executive Director of the Learning Centre Program.

This year marked the sixteenth edition of the *Clarion*, jointly published by the SRCF and Supreme Council and sent to all Scottish Rite members in Canada. Our thanks to the Editor in Chief, Ill. Bro. Clive D. Stephenson, 33°, and the Editorial Board for another outstanding issue.

To our Scottish Rite members, thank you for your ongoing financial support of the Foundation during these difficult times. More information about supporting the SRCF can be found on page 4 of the Annual Report or through the Foundation website.

Again, a big THANK YOU to all who donate their time and energy to working on behalf of the Foundation and the programs it supports. This extends to the Directors, Officers, Committee Chairman, Learning Centre Directors, Learning Centre Tutors and Volunteers, Valley Representatives and the Foundation office staff for all their efforts on behalf of the Foundation to help us in our work to *Help Solve the Puzzles of the Mind*.

We would encourage you to visit the Foundation's website at www.srcf.ca to find out more about the Foundation's programs.

*Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant.* - Robert Louis Stevenson

Dr. Gareth R. Taylor
President

**SGC:** Thank you very much.

You have noted that our President Gareth Taylor has stepped down and I'm sure that we will voice our exclamation of gratitude to him with a round of applause. Gareth may not have mentioned it, but he still is on the board, so he's still working, so his golf game won't be up to speed quite yet. Thank you very much Gareth for everything.

The following two brethren retired to past active rank at midnight last night, Illustrious Brother Jacques Ruelland and Illustrious Brother John Harrison. I spoke of those brethren in my allocution, and once again we thank them for all of their work on the Supreme Council of Canada.

I will now call upon Illustrious Brother Matthew Todd, 33°, to conduct the Ceremony of Investiture for new officers.

The Installation and Investiture Ceremony was conducted by Ill. Bro. Matthew F. Todd, 33°, on the following brethren.

Deputy for Quebec, Fayez Oustwani
Grand Standard Bearer, Norman Kent Clarke

**SGC:** Illustrious Brother Todd, and to your team, well done. And welcome, my brethren, as officers of the Supreme Council. Fayez Oustwani is the Deputy for Quebec and Kent Clark Grand Standard Bearer.

Well, my brethren, what you have witnessed during the 150th Session of this Supreme Council, as we celebrate a wonderful anniversary, along with our members of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation, has been truly, truly remarkable. I've heard nothing but compliments. To the hotel, to the committee, to our staff, and to you, for all of the work that you have done. It's amazing that when we get together, we hear all the good conversations and it's really heartwarming to see everything go so well. I think that proves one of the terms that I love to use, and I've used it quite often, you've heard me do it before - Together Everyone Accomplishes More. That my brethren is teamwork. We have the teamwork in place.

I know that you are inspired over the last three days. Continue that inspiration into your Valleys, into your Craft Lodges, so that we can promote Scottish Rite Freemasonry. And also into our communities. We do a lot of really good work, be proud of what we do, and let people know what we do. So don't leave your excitement here. Take it home with you, please.

So, I would like to conclude my comments by giving my heartfelt thanks to all and for those attending this afternoon, I look forward to seeing you in a social event, which I'm really looking forward to and we'll hear more about that in a moment.

Those are my comments for now. Some will be leaving today and others tomorrow. I wish you all safe travels and I look forward to visiting with you over the course of my next two years during my term. So, with that, Grand Secretary-General, do you have any announcements?

**GSG:** I do Sovereign Grand Commander.

Those brethren with microphones are reminded to turn them in at the soundboard before leaving the room.

The following Active Members will please attend at the COO's desk following the close: David Boyd, Adrian Cretu, Fayez Oustwani, Kent Clarke, and Alan Stoddart.

There will there be a future sessions meeting in the Oak Room and the people attending are: from Supreme Council Sovereign Grand Commander David Bennett, Tom Wills, myself, Alan Stoddart, Steven Warren, Leslie Drake, Barb Lee. From Ottawa Valley: John Lark, Mark Pogue, Ron Taylor, Diane Arbuckle, Armin Braslin, and Ken Brinson. From Hamilton Valley: Lou Domjan and Anne Domjan. From Nanaimo: Ralph Rayner, Craig Wolverton, and Doug Easton.

The Valley event as mentioned will be held this afternoon. I'd like to call on Illustrious Brother, John Lark, for any comments.

**Ill. Bro. Lark:** Thank you. For the event this afternoon, if you can't remember if you're going, it's on your name tag. You're welcome to attend and the buses will leave about 12:30 from the front of the hotel. The Museum of History is just across the river. It's a delightful, gorgeous, stunning building. There's many interesting presentations there. There's four buses, which is enough to take everyone there. They will start at 12:30 and they will cycle through the afternoon. You need to leave the Museum of History by 4:30 and come back here and the last two sections of this room will become a dining room by that time, and there will be a hot buffet dinner served starting at 5:00 and finishing whenever you're finished your dessert. We're delighted to have you. There's some very interesting presentations at the museum today. We have Mark Pogue who will be there to organise support for people who need support. So, I welcome you and look forward to seeing you at the museum this afternoon and again this evening at 5:00 here for dinner. Thank you.

**GSG:** And I have a further announcement that we have a surplus of the Glencairn glasses and coasters, so they will be available for sale at $25 for the set. We only have 32 of them left and you could see Leslie Drake, she's in the registration area at the closing.

Anyone who's purchased an HIG jewel can see Leslie as well for that. And all officers who have a chain of office, Leslie wants to see that collar and have a conversation with you with regards to the condition of it.

Those are the announcements, Sovereign Grand Commander.

**SGC:** Thank you, Grand Secretary-General.

Brethren, our deliberations, transactions and ceremonies of the 150th Annual Session of this Supreme Council are about to be concluded. It only remains for us to renew our pledges to the order and our commitment to its mission among men. To be ever mindful of our duty toward our brethren and to strengthen our resolve, to impart the inspiration and invigoration of this session in all of our Valleys from sea to sea.

The general chairman of the Ottawa Session, Illustrious Brother John Lark and Lou Domjan from Hamilton's organizing committees, will please approach the lectern.

**Ill. Bro. Lark:** The traveling gavel of this Supreme Council is being used to convene this session. By passing you the travelling box I charge you to obtain the gavel from the Sovereign Grand Commander at the close of today's session, bring it to Hamilton and make it available to convene the brethren in September of 2026.

**Ill. Bro. Domjan:** It it shall be done.

**SGC:** Lieutenant Grand Commander. I believe you have some acknowledgements to administer.

**LGC:** Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander.

Brethren, as the Sovereign Grand Commander has said, this has been a very successful session this week and I know we've all enjoyed it. And obviously these things don't happen by themselves, there's many, many people in the background, they're working very hard and giving their time freely, and we owe them a vote of thanks.

Appreciation

Organist
Ill. Bro. Ken Adamson, 33°

Soloist
Ill. Bro. Frank Cammisuli, 33°

Piper
Ill. Bro. Robert Wilson, 32°
R.C.M.P. Pipes & Drums and Highland Dancers

Brethren who acted as Escort at Opening of Supreme Council
Ill. Bro. Paul Todd, 33°
Ill. Bro. Mark Pogue, 33°
Ill. Bro. Mark Gauthier, 33°
Ill. Bro. Wayne Parker, 33°

Tylers
Ill. Bro. Evan Jameson, 33°
Ill. Bro. John Guinn, 33°
Ill. Bro. Mark Pogue, 33°
Ill. Bro. Mark McLean, 33°
Ill. Bro. Loyal Beggs, 33°

Stage
Ill. Bro. Tom Marshall, 33°, Chairman of Staging
Ill. Bro. Robert Ross, 33°
Ill. Bro. Mike Martin, 33°

Sound
Ill. Bro. John Scott 33°, Chairman of Sound
Ill. Bro. Brad Vail, 33°
Ill. Bro. Kris Nickerson, 33°
Ill. Bro. John Militello, 33°

33rd Degree Director
Ill. Bro. Steven Warren, 33°

Photographers
Ill. Bro. Bill Davis, 33°
Ill. Bro. Evan Woodhead, 33°
Ill. Bro. Doug Crawford, 33°
Ill. Bro. David Traves, 33°
Ill. Bro. Milan Cobanov, 33°

HIG Panel Presenters
Ill. Bro. Evan Woodhead, 33°
Ill. Bro. Scott Rowe, 33°
Ill. Bro. Milan Cobanov, 33°

1874 Actors
Ill. Bro. Bob Keay, 33°, & Johanna, who played T. Douglas & Sarah Harrington
Ill. Bro. Frank Groves, 33°, & Diane, who played William J. B. & Emily MacLeod Moore
Ill. Bro. Bryan Lawson, 33°, & Ingrid, who played John W. & Sophia Murton

Brethren, we owe these people a debt of thanks. Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander.

The 150th Annual Session of Supreme Council was closed in full and ample form. The Chain of Union was formed on the level in a circle.

Listing of the Active Members of Supreme Council in attendance:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| John L. Barr | Gordon L. Greasley | Clive D. Stephenson |
| David A. Bennett | Stephen G. Hannah | Errol A. Stewart |
| Robert D. Brethour | John E. Harrison | Alan J. Stoddart |
| Richard A. H. Brown | Bruce M. Jardine | A. Bruce Taylor |
| N. Kent Clarke | Richard E. Jones | Gareth R. Taylor |
| William A. Davis | D. Brent Julian | Ronald J. G. Taylor |
| Owen T. Devereaux | Allan L. Long | Matthew F. Todd |
| Jeffrey R. Dickson | Joel F. MacDonald | Steven E. Warren |
| Douglas G. Easton | Gordon R. Maitland | Orlan J. Weber |
| William C. Fitzsimmons | Terry A. McLean | Walter H. Welke |
| Paul E. Frank | Fayez Oustwani | Robert S. Whitmore |
| Graham A. Fraser | John C. Revell | Thomas A. Wills |
| Brian W. Gilkinson | Karl E. Springer | |

Listing of the Past Active Members of Supreme Council in attendance:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| William A. Atkinson | Miles R. Graham | James C. Sutherland |
| George N. Cooper | Samuel Kalinowsky | Donald D. Thornton |
| Michael D. H. Farr | Loren W. Kline | |

Listing of Distinguished Guests and Concordant Bodies in attendance:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario | Jamie R. Ireland | Grand Master |
| Southern Jurisdiction, USA | James D. Cole | Sovereign Grand Commander |
| Southern Jurisdiction, USA | Terry L. Bowman | SGIG in Kentucky |
| Southern Jurisdiction, USA | Alan W. Adkins | Grand Cross & SGIG in Virginia |
| Northern Jurisdiction, USA | Walter F. Wheeler | Sovereign Grand Commander |
| Northern Jurisdiction, USA | Thomas K. Sturgeon | Grand Chancellor |
| Northern Jurisdiction, USA | Richard J. Powell | SGIG in New York |
| Supreme Council for England & Wales | John Boyington | Sovereign Grand Commander |
| Supreme Council for England & Wales | Giles Shilson | Grand Secretary-General |
| Supreme Council for Scotland | Charles Wolrige Gordon | Sovereign Grand Commander |
| Supreme Council for Scotland | Ewan Rutherford | Lieutenant Grand Commander |
| Supreme Council for Scotland | Alexander Galbraith | Grand Secretary-General |
| Sovereign Great Priory of Canada | Clive D. Stephenson | Supreme Grand Master |
| Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada | Dennis M. O'Leary | Grand Sovereign |
| Royal Arch Masons (Ontario) | George B. Fairbairn | Grand First Principal |
| Royal Order of Scotland (Ontario) | Steven E. Warren | Provincial Grand Master |

Total attendance was reported as follows:

| | Brethren | Ladies |
|---|---|---|
| Active Members | 38 | 25 |
| Past Active Members | 8 | 6 |
| Honorary Members | 178 | 119 |
| Candidates | 53 | 38 |
| Guests | 14 | 5 |
| **Totals** | **291** | **193** |

David A. Bennett, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander

Terry A. McLean, 33°
Grand Secretary-General

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# Independent Practitioner's Review Engagement Report

To the Members of
Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada, that comprise the statement of financial position as at May 31, 2024, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets, and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

## Management's responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## Practitioner's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

## Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada as at May 31, 2024, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organizations.

Grant Thornton LLP

Port Colborne, Canada
July 5, 2024

Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants

# Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada
# Statement of Operations

| Year Ended May 31 | **2024** | 2023 |
|---|---|---|
| **Revenues** | | |
| Dues | **$ 212,936** | $ 168,012 |
| Fees | **3,270** | 160 |
| Candidates' fees | **10,000** | |
| Annual/executive session (Page 18) | **-** | 248,823 |
| | **226,206** | 416,995 |
| **Expenses** | | |
| Administration (Page 17) | **209,838** | 148,425 |
| Activities (Page 17) | **12,464** | 12,321 |
| Officers and committees (Page 17) | **68,416** | 63,326 |
| Annual/executive session (Page 18) | **-** | 220,822 |
| | **290,718** | 444,894 |
| Operating deficiency of revenues over expenses | **(64,512)** | (27,899) |
| Investment income | **100,615** | 85,143 |
| Realized (loss) gain on disposal of investments | **(700)** | 9,691 |
| Excess of revenues over expenses before unrealized gain (loss) on investments | **35,403** | 66,935 |
| Unrealized gain (loss) on investments | **90,242** | (226,712) |
| **Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses** | **$ 125,645** | $ (159,777) |

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

# Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada
# Statement of Changes in Net Assets
Year Ended May 31, 2024

| Net assets | Unrestricted | Internally Restricted Special Candidates' Fund (Note 6) | **2024 Total** | 2023 Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Balance, beginning of year** | $ 1,569,066 | $ 300,890 | **$ 1,869,956** | $ 2,029,733 |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses | 125,645 | - | **125,645** | (159,777) |
| Transfers | (43,523) | 43,523 | **-** | - |
| **Balance, end of year** | $ 1,651,188 | $ 344,413 | **$ 1,995,601** | $ 1,869,956 |

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

# Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada
# Statement of Financial Position

| May 31 | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|---|---|
| **Assets** | | |
| Current | | |
| Cash (Note 3) | **$ 165,403** | $ 133,502 |
| Receivables | **21,892** | 17,625 |
| Inventory | **67,241** | 63,410 |
| Prepaids and deferred charges | **66,389** | 46,540 |
| | **320,565** | 261,077 |
| Investments - unrestricted (Note 4) | **1,599,557** | 1,462,351 |
| Investments - Special Candidates' Fund (Notes 4 and 6) | **344,318** | 288,627 |
| Capital assets | **1** | 1 |
| | **$ 2,264,441** | $ 2,012,056 |
| **Liabilities** | | |
| Current | | |
| Payables and accruals (Note 5) | **$ 21,712** | $ 15,942 |
| Deferred candidates and other fee revenue | **247,128** | 126,158 |
| | **268,840** | 142,100 |
| **Net assets** | | |
| Unrestricted | **1,651,188** | 1,569,066 |
| Internally restricted - Special Candidates' Fund (Note 6) | **344,413** | 300,890 |
| | **1,995,601** | 1,869,956 |
| | **$ 2,264,441** | $ 2,012,056 |

Commitments (Note 7)

On behalf of the Board

Alan Stoddart – Grand Treasurer-General

David Bennett – Sovereign Grand Commander

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

# Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada
## Statement of Cash Flows

| Year Ended May 31 | **2024** | 2023 |
|---|---|---|
| **Net increase (decrease) in cash** | | |
| **Operating activities** | | |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses | **$ 125,645** | $ (159,777) |
| Items not affecting cash | | |
| Realized loss (gain) on disposal of investments | **700** | (9,691) |
| Unrealized (gain) loss on investments | **(90,242)** | 226,712 |
| | **36,103** | 57,244 |
| Changes in non-cash operating working capital | | |
| Receivables | **(4,267)** | (4,902) |
| Inventory | **(3,831)** | (5,343) |
| Prepaids and deferred charges | **(19,849)** | 32,158 |
| Payables and accruals | **5,770** | (635) |
| Deferred candidates and other fee revenue | **120,970** | (143,025) |
| | **134,896** | (64,503) |
| **Investing activities** | | |
| Proceeds from disposition of investments | **119,512** | **67,577** |
| Purchase of investments | **(222,868)** | (124,842) |
| | **(103,355)** | (57,265) |
| **Net increase (decrease) in cash** | **31,541** | (121,768) |
| **Cash** (Note 3) | | |
| Beginning of year | **133,502** | 255,270 |
| End of year | **$ 165,043** | $ 133,502 |

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

# Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada
# Notes to the Financial Statements
May 31, 2024

## 1. Purpose of the organization

The Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada (the "organization") is a not-for-profit organization which serves as the central administrative body for Scottish Rite Freemasonry across Canada.

## 2. Summary of significant accounting policies

The financial statements are the responsibility of and prepared by management in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. The significant accounting policies used are as follows:

### Inventory

Inventory is recorded at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined using the specific item method.

### Financial instruments

*Initial measurement*
The organization initially measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value.

*Subsequent measurement*
At each reporting date, the organization measures its financial assets and liabilities at cost or amortized cost (less impairment in the case of financial assets), except for equities quoted in an active market, which must be measured at fair value. All changes in fair value of the organization's investments in equities quoted in an active market are recorded in the statement of operations. The financial instruments measured at amortized cost are cash, accounts receivable and accounts payables.

For financial assets measured at cost or amortized cost, the organization regularly assesses whether there are any indications of impairment. If there is an indication of impairment, and the organization determines that there is a significant adverse change in the expected timing or amount of future cash flows from the financial asset, it recognizes an impairment loss in the statement of operations. Any reversals of previously recognized impairment losses are recognized in operations in the year the reversal occurs.

*Financial instruments in related party transactions*
Financial assets and financial liabilities in related party transactions are initially measured at cost and are subsequently measured using the cost method.

**2. Summary of significant accounting policies** (continued)

**Financial instruments** (continued)

**Capital assets**

Capital asset purchases which are significant are recorded at cost and amortized on a straight-line basis over the assets' estimated useful lives.

**Revenue recognition**

Dues and fees revenue is recognized as earned and collection is reasonably assured. Amounts received in advance are recorded as deferred candidates and other fee revenue.

Annual/executive session revenue is recognized when the event takes place and collection is reasonably assured.

Investment income includes interest and dividends and is recognized as it is earned in the statement of operations.

**Use of estimates**

Management reviews the carrying amounts of items in the financial statements at each statement of financial position date to assess the need for revision or any possibility of impairment. Many items in the preparation of these financial statements require management’s best estimate. Management determines these estimates based on assumptions that reflect the most probable set of economic conditions and planned courses of action.

These estimates are reviewed periodically and adjustments are made to excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses as appropriate in the year they become known.

Items subject to significant management estimates include allowance for doubtful accounts, investment fair values and certain accruals.

## 3. Cash

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|---|---|
| Cash in bank – unrestricted | **$ 163,822** | $ 117,733 |
| Cash in investment account – unrestricted | **1,126** | 2,706 |
| Cash in investment account – Special Candidates' Fund | **95** | 13,063 |
| | **$ 165,043** | $ 133,502 |

## 4. Investments

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|---|---|
| **Unrestricted** | | |
| Fixed income – guaranteed investment certificates | **$ 100,570** | $ 201,628 |
| Equities quoted in an active market | **1,498,987** | 1,260,723 |
| | **1,599,557** | 1,462,351 |
| **Special Candidates' Fund** | | |
| Equities quoted in an active market | **344,318** | 288,627 |
| | **$ 1,943,875** | $ 1,750,978 |

## 5. Payables and accruals

Included in payables and accruals are government remittances of $ 5,814 (2023 - $ 3,619).

## 6. Internally restricted net assets

Internally restricted net assets are comprised of transfers subject to internally imposed restrictions stipulating that the resources be held for capital appreciation.

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|---|---|
| Internally restricted net assets, beginning of year | **$ 300,890** | $ 334,218 |
| Transfer of candidates' fees | **10,000** | - |
| Investment income | **17,098** | 15,195 |
| (Loss) gain on investments | **16,425** | (48,523) |
| Restricted net assets, end of year | **$ 344,413** | $ 300,890 |

This fund will provide an annual renewable source of capital in the future. This fund currently holds investments with a fair value of $ 344,318 and cash of $ 95.

## 7. Commitments

The organization has commitments for leases of equipment and premises with expiry dates ranging to 2028. Future minimum lease payments over the next four years are as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| 2025 | 24,414 |
| 2026 | 15,597 |
| 2027 | 1,656 |
| 2028 | 1,656 |

## 8. Financial instruments

The organization is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following analysis provides a measure of the organization's risk exposures and concentrations at May 31, 2024.

### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The organization's main credit risk relates to its accounts receivable. There was no significant change in exposure from the prior year and no allowance for doubtful accounts is required.

### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the organization could encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with its financial liabilities. Liquidity risk also includes the risk of not being able to liquidate assets in a timely manner at a reasonable price. The organization is exposed to liquidity risk with respect to its accounts payable. There was no significant change in exposure from the prior year.

### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The organization's guaranteed investment certificates bear interest at various fixed rates and therefore are subject to fair value interest rate risk. There was no significant change in exposure from the prior year.

### Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the value of equity securities changes with stock market conditions, which are affected by general economic and market conditions. The fair value of securities will vary with developments within the specific companies or governments which issue the securities. Market risk in investment activities is managed by the senior management of the organization and every investment transaction is guided by policy and regulatory limitations. There was no significant change in exposure from the prior year.

**8. Financial instruments** (continued)

**Foreign currency risk**

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the fair value of securities denominated in a currency other than the Canadian dollar will be affected by changes in the value of the Canadian dollar in relation to the value of the currency in which the security is denominated. The organization's investment policies mitigate this risk by limiting concentration levels. There was no significant change in exposure from the prior year.

**9. Related party transactions**

During the year, the organization paid and charged back costs for The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada. These transactions are in the normal course of business and measured at the exchange amount, which are the actual amounts paid. The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada is a not-for-profit organization whose board of directors are members of the organization.

Amounts due from The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada are as follows:

| | **2024** | 2023 |
|---|---|---|
| Accounts receivable | **$ 7,086** | $ 4,210 |

**10. Comparative figures**

Comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in the current year presentation.

# Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada
## Schedule of Expenses

| Year Ended May 31 | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|---|---|
| **Administration** | | |
| Salaries | **$ 111,030** | $ 99,105 |
| Employee benefits | **14,151** | 11,452 |
| Rent | **23,830** | 23,635 |
| Postage | **2,084** | 1,209 |
| Telephone | **2,658** | 2,460 |
| Supplies | **5,634** | 1,943 |
| Office equipment | **4,075** | 3,149 |
| Professional fees | **11,695** | 12,060 |
| Insurance | **4,542** | 4,403 |
| Printing | **543** | 2,248 |
| Computer service | **13,322** | 6,833 |
| Website | **5,793** | 127 |
| Sundry – net of recoveries | **10,481** | (20,199) |
| | **$ 209,838** | $ 148,425 |
| **Activities** | | |
| Sale of statutes and regulations | **$ (370)** | $ (390) |
| Sale of rituals, officers' manual and lectures | **(2,240)** | (1,470) |
| The Clarion costs | **8,622** | 7,969 |
| Public relations | **-** | 1,561 |
| Donations and presentation | **6,452** | 4,651 |
| | **$ 12,464** | $ 12,321 |
| **Officers and committees** | | |
| Sovereign Grand Commander | **$ 7,482** | $ 19,041 |
| Lieutenant Grand Commander | **-** | 51 |
| Deputies | **9,830** | 10,353 |
| Other | **31,195** | 10,713 |
| Attendance at other Supreme Councils and international meetings | **19,909** | 15,893 |
| World conference | **-** | 7,275 |
| | **$ 68,416** | $ 63,326 |

# Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada
# Schedule of Annual/Executive Session Revenues and Expenses

| Year Ended May 31 | **2024** | 2023 |
|---|---|---|
| **Revenues** | | |
| Registration | **$ -** | $ 245,905 |
| Vesper service | **-** | 2,918 |
| | **-** | 248,823 |
| **Expenses** | | |
| Delegates - actives and past actives | | |
| Lunches | **-** | 2,945 |
| Tuesday Dinner | **-** | 6,691 |
| Wednesday Dinner | **-** | 6,732 |
| Get Acquainted Reception - Wednesday | **-** | 5,472 |
| Foundation Luncheon | **-** | 23,840 |
| Sovereign Grand Commander's Banquet | **-** | 32,529 |
| Sovereign Grand Commander's Wife's Luncheon | **-** | 1,097 |
| Ladies Program | **-** | 13,015 |
| | **-** | 92,321 |
| General | | |
| Flowers | **-** | 1,154 |
| Workers' lunch | **-** | 870 |
| Printing | **-** | 1,449 |
| Accommodation – guests and sessions | **-** | 1,950 |
| Audio visual and room rental | **-** | 12,887 |
| Vesper service | **-** | 2,800 |
| Moving and insurance | **-** | 5,341 |
| Regalia | **-** | 92,549 |
| Miscellaneous | **-** | 3,704 |
| Local committee expenses | **-** | 5,797 |
| | **-** | 128,501 |
| **Excess of session revenues over expenses** | **$ -** | $ 28,001 |
| Total attendance | Nil | 390 |
| Location | Executive Session | Annual Session (Saskatoon) |

## 2025 SUPREME COUNCIL BUDGET

## SUPREME COUNCIL 33° OF THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY OF CANADA

## DRAFT BUDGET FOR FISCAL 2025 WITH COMPARISON TO 2024 BUDGET AND ACTUALS

| | **BUDGET 2025** | ACTUAL 2024 | BUDGET 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **REVENUE** | | | |
| DUES & FEES (COMBINED) [ SEE NOTE ] | **202,400** | 216,206 | 212,000 |
| CANDIDATES' CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION [ SEE NOTE ] | **0** | 10,000 | 0 |
| | **202,400** | 226,206 | 212,000 |
| **EXPENSES** | | | |
| **ADMINISTRATION** | | | |
| SALARIES – COO | **51,705** | 53,505 | 49,243 |
| SALARIES - OFFICE ADMIN | **70,841** | 54,447 | 42,843 |
| COO – VARIABLE COMP | **0** | 3,078 | 3,078 |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFITS | **15,000** | 14,151 | 10,000 |
| | **137,546** | 125,181 | 105,164 |
| RENT | **24,302** | 23,830 | 23,830 |
| POSTAGE | **2,000** | 2,084 | 2,000 |
| TELEPHONE & INTERNET | **2,000** | 2,658 | 2,500 |
| OFFICE MAINTENANCE | **450** | 0 | 450 |
| EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE | **250** | 0 | 250 |
| SUPPLIES | **2,000** | 5,634 | 2,000 |
| OFFICE EQUIPMENT - LEASES | **4,000** | 4,075 | 4,000 |
| PROFESSIONAL FEES | **11,000** | 11,695 | 11,000 |
| INSURANCE SUPREME COUNCIL | **4,769** | 4,542 | 4,410 |
| PRINTING | **1,000** | 543 | 1,000 |
| COMPUTER | **15,000** | 13,322 | 12,000 |
| SUNDRY | **-1,500** | 16,274 | -1,500 |
| | **202,817** | 209,838 | 167,104 |

| | **BUDGET 2025** | ACTUAL 2024 | BUDGET 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **ACTIVITIES** | | | |
| DONATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS | | | |
| DEMOLAY/OTHER | **1,500** | 2,796 | 1,500 |
| MATHESON AWARD | **4,000** | 3,656 | 4,000 |
| PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE | | | |
| - PROCEEDINGS (COST) | **0** | 0 | 0 |
| - PROCEEDINGS (SALE) | **0** | 0 | 0 |
| - STATUTES AND REGULATIONS | **0** | -370 | 0 |
| - RITUALS, MANUALS & LECTURES | **0** | -2,240 | 0 |
| PUBLIC RELATIONS | **11,300** | 0 | 10,000 |
| PUBLICATION OF THE "CLARION" | **12,000** | 8,622 | 10,000 |
| | **28,800** | 12,464 | 25,500 |
| **OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES** | | | |
| SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER | **14,000** | 7,482 | 15,000 |
| LIEUTENANT GRAND COMMANDER | **2,000** | 0 | 2,000 |
| DEPUTIES | **20,458** | 9,830 | 19,335 |
| ADVISORY COUNCIL | **0** | 0 | 0 |
| CONFERENCE FOR DEPUTIES | **0** | 0 | 0 |
| OTHER | | | |
| GRAND SECRETARY- GENERAL | **5,000** | 4,998 | 5,000 |
| EXECUTIVE / C O O SECRETARY | **1,000** | 0 | 1,000 |
| LIBRARY - OPERATIONS & RENT | **2,150** | 0 | 1,450 |
| OTHER COMMITTEES | **800** | 511 | 650 |
| 150TH ANNIVERSARY | **35,550** | 5,640 | 4,000 |
| GRAND HISTORIAN | **0** | 3,754 | 6,000 |
| OTHER / MILEAGE | **4,000** | 2,303 | 5,000 |
| VIDEO PRODUCTION (16th DEGREE) | **15,000** | 13,989 | 12,000 |
| ATTENDANCE AT OTHER - | | | |
| SUPREME COUNCILS / CONFERENCES [ SEE NOTE ] | **20,300** | 19,909 | 23,000 |
| | **120,258** | 68,416 | 94,435 |

| | BUDGET 2025 | ACTUAL 2024 | BUDGET 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **ANNUAL SESSIONS** | | | |
| SUPREME COUNCIL SESSION | | | |
| EXECUTIVE 2023 SESSION | | 0 | |
| FULL 2024 SESSION – OTTAWA | **500** | | 500 |
| | **500** | 0 | 500 |
| **TOTAL** | **352,375** | 290,718 | 289,681 |
| NET OPERATING EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER REVENUE | **-149,975** | -64,512 | -77,681 |
| INVESTMENT INCOME | | | |
| INVESTMENT INCOME PLUS REALIZED NET CAPITAL GAINS | **83,000** | 99,915 | 83,000 |
| EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES BEFORE UNREALIZED GAIN [ LOSS ] ON INVESTMENTS | **-66,975** | 35,403 | 5,319 |
| UNREALIZED GAIN [ LOSS ] ON INVESTMENTS | **TBD AT YEAR END** | 90,242 | |
| EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES | **TBD AT YEAR END** | 125,645 | |

**THE DRAFT BUDGET FOR FISCAL 2025 GIVES EFFECT TO THE FOLLOWING:**

REVENUE: is based on an estimate of a 5% reduction in Membership.

ADMINISTRATION: includes the addition of one extra part time employee. Our COO has not yet been able to reduce his workweek as planned.

RENT AND ADMIN COSTS: rent is shared 75/25 with the SRCF. Salaries are shared 70/30.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: includes commitment to NMJ Masonic Renewal $2,000 USD/year for three years.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES: The SGC did not use his full budget however has increased travel plans for the balance of 2024 into 2025.

# ►DEPUTY REPORTS BY PROVINCE◄

Report of the Deputy for
**ALBERTA & NORTHWEST TERRITORIES**
**(Allan L. Long)**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers, and Brethren:

It is my pleasure to provide this report for the year 2023/2024.

## Valley of Calgary

The Valley meets at Calgary Freemasons Hall in downtown Calgary. The temple board has been working with the City Administration and have managed to have the taxes lowered on the properties to a more reasonable amount which has brought the Valley financial status to a more sustainable level. They will still need to raise their dues in the near future to attain a balanced budget.

The membership had a slight increase this year due to a larger class of candidates and from affiliations form Medicine Hat and Central Lodges of Perfection. Their increases were 19 members with a loss of 13. Their membership now stands at 191.

The Rite Way Summons is the principal form of communication. This is printed every two months. Most of the Valley membership receive it Via email but there are still a few that prefer it through Canada Post. They have an inactive website which is owned by a past Gr. Secretary and making updates has been a burden. They have just approved a new domain which will provide for the needs of the members. Some of the members communication through Facebook and WhatsApp but these are not Valley sponsored platforms. The Gr. Secretary forwards many emails throughout the month.

The leadership of the Valley had many planning sessions through the Covid period and came up with a new strategy for degree scheduling and education. Some of the ideas are now being put into place. It will be interesting to see how it plays out now that we are seeing new leadership as the others retire.

The Valley supports a learning centre and has many members that contribute much effort to this very worthwhile project.

## Valley of Edmonton

The Valley left Freemasons Hall in downtown Edmonton and relocated to the Al Shamal Shrine Centre a few years ago. They have settled in well and have been creative in the presentation of the degrees in their new settings. They have a new Gr. Secretary who is finding his way and is very accommodating.

The membership numbers have dropped over the last number of years. Some of this is due cleaning up of the books and the relocation which became very passionate to some. The move was done on a very sound business case but some were displeased with this decision. At the end of the year their numbers were down 34 members to 207. They had a large class this year which should show a gain for the year end of 2024.

The Valley leadership remains strong but there has been a visible gap in junior officers stepping up to take office which the leaders are addressing.

Financially there is positive and negative. They have a very large investment portfolio which is sustaining them through difficult time. The Gr. Treasurer is being creative in reducing expenses but this will not be enough in the long run. Their dues remain low at this time.

The Edmonton Learning Centre is going through a transition. Since it started, they have been located in a portion of an inner-city school which was under-utilized.

The area has had an influx of younger families locate in neighbourhood and are taking back some of the space used by the Centre. They may have some growing pains in the future.

Communication is done mainly through the monthly summons. Many of the younger member embrace social media. The Gr. Secretary keeps the Valley updated by email.

A Gala event was just held to celebrate 150 Years of our Supreme Council. The day started with an open house at the Hall, welcoming guests with brethren in degree costumes with short prepared introduction of the characters they represent and the lessons of the degree. In the evening a Black-Tie event was held with hors d'oeuvres and wine followed by a 5-course meal. The evening ended with a S- piece Jazz Band in the upper hall which was turned into a Cocktail Lounge.

**Valley of Central Valley**

This Valley meets in the City of Lacombe which is approx. 25 kms north of Red Deer. Its members come from several Lodges in the surrounding area. Their membership has been steady for many years and as of the last return sits at 43 members.

At first view, their expenses appear to exceed their revenue. They participate in a casino every 24 months and the receipts from this event pay their rent until another casino has taken place. This then sustains that portion of their expenses and their dues easily pay for the remainder of their endeavours.

The leadership has been strong in the past few years and appears that this should continue. They are aware of many of the SC resources and use several of them.

They have a new Gr. Secretary who is learning the way and has the support of the past secretary.

The younger members embrace the new social media. The summons is sent out monthly and is informative.

They have a signature event each June which is their family barbeque which has been held for a number of years at the log cabin style Burbank Hall in Blackfalds which is between Red Deer and Lacombe, overlooking the banks of the Red Deer River. It is well attended by the Valley families and visitors from Edmonton and Calgary.

**Lethbridge Valley**

The City of Lethbridge is the centre of the lower part of the province and draws on Lodges from the Crowsnest to the Saskatchewan border. Many towns in the area are struggling and Lodges throughout are having trouble attracting members and several have surrendered their charters over the last two decades. Currently they draw mainly on the three Lodges in the city and compete with the Royal Arch for new prospects. The membership has declined slowly over the past few years but they continue to find new blood and find enough to fill offices and do the mandatory degrees. Their membership sits at 37 and they have had several members affiliate from Medicine Hat this year which will affect their 2024 status.

Their main method of communications is through the monthly summon but some of the members chat through social media platforms.

Financially they are stable. Their main expense is rent but this is not as high as in the larger centres and is not likely to increase significantly in the next few years.

They have several social functions over the year which include family, including barbeques at members' homes. They are close knit and share in the load.

## Valley of Medicine Hat

It is with sadness that I report that Medicine Hat has amalgamated with Lethbridge and have closed their accounts. An amalgamation ceremony is slated for the fall.

Respectfully submitted,
Allan L. Long, 33°
Deputy for Alberta and the Northwest Territories

Report of the Deputy for
**BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON TERRITORY**
**(Douglas G. Easton)**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers, and Brethren:

I am pleased to submit the report on Scottish Rite Freemasonry in British Columbia and Yukon (BC&Y) for the year 2023-2024 our Supreme Council's 150th Anniversary.

Preface
During 150th Anniversary year 2023 and to date in 2024 I have made official visits to 7 of the 10 Valleys in BC&Y with the remaining Valleys to be visited later this year. My reports below provide my assessment of the health of each of Valley and are based on the official visits, telephone calls, emails, Zoom meetings and the assistance of two BC&Y active members, Illustrious Brother John L. "Jack" Barr, 33°, and Illustrious Brother Karl Springer, 33°. I appreciate their sage advice and first-hand knowledge of the Valleys in their areas.

My general impression continues to be that Scottish Rite Valleys in BC&Y are financially strong and have an engaged membership which is poised for growth. The Lodges of Perfection provincially, when considered as a group, have a stable membership, but both Chapters, and Consistories continue to suffer higher than usual membership attrition due to both our age structure and the three-year impact of Covid not allowing members to advance. Valleys believe that there is cause for optimism. Brethren are returning to Craft Lodges where there is a resurgence of interest and petitions for membership. This bodes well for Scottish Rite Lodges, Chapters, and Consistories in BC&Y in the coming years.

As part of the 150th Anniversary celebration year, the 10 Valleys in BC&Y made special effort to apply to the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation for the Deputy's Award. All Valleys were successful in receiving the award. Presentations to the local charities were met with gratitude and have created goodwill and interest in Scottish Rite.

The reports below follow the report template and Provincial Deputies Checklist, and as requested, the checklists are included as an attachment.

## Valley of Campbell River

Strathcona LOP (50) – increase of 2 from the previous year.
Official Visit: November 21st - 22nd, 2023

Membership
Membership in this geographically large Valley is drawn from several Craft Lodges but only one is local to Campbell River, the next closest Lodge is one hour away by car. Members sense an increase of interest in Scottish Rite over other fraternal groups as the Lodge has been more active with education and general socializing. The Executive Committee led by the TPGM, has focused on being strong supporters of their Craft Lodges which has attracted new membership in the Valley.

Leadership
There is now an active Executive Council for the Valley. Much work in planning the Valley program is being undertaken by the senior officers of the Valley, with the feedback and assistance of the HIGs. This cooperation works well and is effective.

Communication
All notices arrive in a timely fashion via email. The sole member not on the Internet receives all notices through Canada Post. The Valley is not currently considering a website as it lacks the expertise. The Valley has had informal Educational at Lodge meetings for all members and has invited members from neighbouring areas as well. This Valley and Colville LOP in Nanaimo are working together on conferring the degrees of Perfection. The relationship is strong and assists each in fellowship, attendance, and interest.

Education & Enlightenment
The Valley in the previous three years has heavily relied on education at regular intervals using Zoom which was well received by the membership. This year the Valley has focused on the conferral of degrees which have been excellently portrayed from memory. Members who are receiving the Lodge of Perfection degrees have been very impressed as well as those members present.

Being Worked On
Some senior members are looking for younger brethren to take on more work and become more involved in Lodge work in general. The roster of senior members continues to grow.

The general membership continues to be busy in other Masonic bodies and members are constantly balancing their workload. Planning for the upcoming year will include acting on the suggestion that there be a listing of the work of the obligatory degrees including the number of speaking parts, and the brethren able to present each part and fill roles. The aim is to identify and build a group of understudies.

The warm fellowship present within this Valley is always evident, and this makes visitors want to return.

**Valley of Nanaimo**

Colville LOP (77) – up 4 from previous year
Official Visit: January 24th,2024

Membership
The membership of the Colville LOP continues to be strong and is listed as 77 members as of December 31st, 2023. The Valley gained an additional 4 members in 2023.

The LOP's membership strategy is to continue to have an information package, including Scottish Rite information and an application form for the Valley of Nanaimo, handed out to all newly Raised Master Masons in the Valley's jurisdiction. The month of September is the target for all applications with balloting occurring that same month. There will be a concerted effort to have the "New" Scottish Rite Freemasons take part in degrees, even if it is not a speaking part. The Valley of Nanaimo had 4 candidates in 2023 and has worked closely with the Valley of Campbell River moving these new members through the Lodge of Perfection degrees.

Leadership
The Past TPGMs and HIGs continue to play an active role in the Valley. When degrees are conferred and event planning is undertaken, they are always requested to attend. Executive Committee meetings are now being held to ensure the Valley of Nanaimo has a membership focus moving forward. The Valley has a strong succession plan for Officers in place for the upcoming years.

Communication
All communications are sent out via email; when a member does not have an email address, a monthly summons and copy of the former month's minutes are posted to his last known address.

All communications received by the Grand Secretary deemed suitable for the membership are also sent by email

Education & Enlightenment
The Valley has decided it will become practice for the Grand Orator to deliver the Introduction and Summary of each degree on the degree night. Education is key to learning and setting up the Valley for a meeting is important. All senior officers will learn from a 33° to ensure the learning is correctly passed forward.

Being Worked On
Planning for the future has become a strong focus within the Valley. A long-term plan was developed – and is worked on at each Advisory Meeting. Financially the Lodge is strong, and the Treasurer and Secretary work together to ensure detailed reports are given to the members. The Valley has submitted an application to host the 2028 Supreme Council session and has just been awarded that honour.

## Valley of Fraser Valley

Fraser Valley LOP (77) previous year (80)
Fraser Valley Chapter (76) previous year (77)
Official Visit: Virtual – October 4th - 5th,2023

Membership
The Lodge of Perfection had a strong class in 2023. Newer members have shown an interest in Scottish Rite and are participating in degree work in the Lodge of Perfection. They are also regularly attending meetings with their Craft Lodges, and this has resulted in further proposals for Scottish Rite membership. The reduction in membership in the LOP in 2023 resulted from the deaths of 3 members and the withdrawal of 4 as a result of age/health. As new younger members complete the Lodge of Perfection degrees, they are looking to proceed on to the Chapter Rose Croix which will bolster membership.

Leadership
A strong group of Principal Officers is in place. Succession plans have been developed which recognize that there may be unanticipated reasons for an officer stepping aside. In such circumstances the membership immediately steps forward to provide support. The idea of two-year term has been discussed as a possible way to build stronger teams of officers and to give consistency to the work of the Valley. Executive meetings are held before the official meeting of the Valley. The Advisory Committee of HIGs remains in place.

Communication
All communications of meetings are by email.

Education & Enlightenment
The Valley's HIG's play a prominent role in Education within the Valley. HIG's give several the lectures and degree explanations and thus show active participation and a willingness to engage in discussion which supports engaged membership.

Being Worked On
The Valley continues to build a set of clear expectations for new members to Scottish Rite including what expectations new members should have when joining, and what they should expect from the Lodge.

## Valley of Kamloops

Thompson Valley of Perfection (52) previous year (58)
Thomson Chapter of Rose Croix (51) previous year (53)
Official Visit: April 18th - 19th, 2024

Membership
The Valley remains strong, however the Lodge of Perfection and in the Chapter Rose Croix have had long serving members called to the Grand Lodge above. The new initiates into the Valley are younger in age which is improving the Valley's long-term stability. This year the Valley has worked in cooperation with the Valley of Vernon to complete compulsory degrees for candidates. It's expected that both Valleys will continue to support each other. At my official visit, I had the privilege of assisting the Valley present the Deputy Award cheque to the Chris Rose Centre for Autism which was very much appreciated.

Leadership
The Valley continues to embrace the idea of strong leadership through succession planning. As a result, there is in place a system of strong Brothers who will advance through the chairs in both bodies (Perfection and Rose Croix). The Leadership of the Valley will be in the hands of some exciting Brothers in the years to come. Many of the elected officers, both past and present, have developed their leadership skills in the Craft Lodges and there is a strong support network of past TPGMs, MWS's and HIGs which continue to diligently seek the best brethren for the job of leading the Valley. The Executive and Executive Council, with strong support from the HIG's and the Past Active, are effective in keeping the Valley strong and on course.

Communication
All correspondence to members is electronic. The Grand Secretary manages all correspondence to Brethren which includes meetings, education, and social events. As the Valley re-opens communications to the brethren has been ramped up to ensure that all are kept well informed.

Education & Enlightenment
The Valley is truly fortunate to have several members whose background in education makes for quality and fascinating presentations at meetings. This Valley also has Initiated an Annual Scholarship Fund of $1,000 at the Thompson Rivers University to support any student whose studies are related to "Puzzles of the Mind" e.g., Teaching, Medical Studies, and Medical Research Studies. Coupling this with the Deputy's award discussed earlier has created a positive atmosphere to look, discuss and act on new ideas.

Being worked on
Succession planning for present and future leaders is a continued focus along with timely and crisp education.

**Valley of Castlegar / Nelson**

Kootenay-Boundary (21) – 4 members dropped but one candidate, net change 3 in membership
Kokanee Chapter (20) – 4-member change in membership
Official Visit: Virtual - March 10th, 2024

Membership
Membership in the Valley has dropped slightly but interest in the Craft Lodges has started to rebound which bodes will bode well for Scottish Rite. Scottish Rite is the only concordant body in the immediate area and the geography and distances involved mean that finding new members for the Valley is a slow process. Scottish Rite members are supporting the local Craft Lodges and the current Grand Secretary is also the District Deputy Grand Master for BC&Y. It is hoped that with the recovery of the local Craft Lodges there will be resultant growth in Scottish Rite.

Beneficial inter-Valley cooperation continues with the Vernon Valley which has shown a willingness to organize a reunion of Rose Croix when required. Both Perfection and Rose Croix have now had their installations with some changes of officers. The Valley also benefits from affiliates from Spokane Valley, giving much support to the membership.

Leadership
The leadership is strong, and this has been recognized by the Craft Lodges in the area with Grand Lodge appointments. This means that Craft Masons wanting to expand their Masonic knowledge have an avenue

to achieve this, and this connection also offers the Valley a chance to speak to individuals about Scottish Rite.

The HIGs of this Valley are very hard workers that have served diligently. Some are now aging and are not always able to attend meetings. A new HIG will be Coroneted in Ottawa in September 2024 which will assist the Valley. The Officer's Handbook is passed to all brethren – expectations are clearly laid out for new members should they wish to become an officer. The Valley has been a major contributor to the Learning Centre in Vancouver.

Communication
The Grand Secretary sends notices via email while by preference a group of nine brethren continue to receive their communications by mail. The notice gives details of upcoming meetings and events, but internal emails and phone calls are also used extensively to keep the brethren in touch.

Education & Enlightenment
The Grand Secretary of the Valley has been instrumental in creating a Lodge of Education and Research in the District and has held a Grand Masonic Day. It is hoped these efforts will be an enabler for the Valley's Education and Enlightenment.

Being worked on
A plan to increase membership is the priority. Personal conversations with brethren who have expressed an interest in joining Scottish Rite are acted on quickly and Scottish Rite pamphlets are handed out giving further information on the history and philosophy and the expansion of Masonry. The opportunity of extending the Masonic journey is emphasized.

## Valley of Prince George

Cariboo Lodge (56) down 1 from previous year due to 3 deaths and 2 initiations
New Caledonia Chapter (69) up 3 from previous year
Official Visit – Virtual - May 25th, 2023

Membership
Membership in the Valley has remained stable. Regular meetings have resumed and the brethren are returning. Members are still being cautious and brethren not feeling 100% are staying home. Lodge or Chapter meetings, draw brethren from a large area of the Province. Some travelling between two and four hours to attend, with a similar journey to return home that evening. Such commitment must be applauded. Personal connections between brethren are the norm and the foundation for how this Valley achieves applications. Many of the Valley members also strongly support Craft Lodge life and they typically approach their Lodge brethren and suggest they "consider extending their Masonic journey by submitting applications".

Leadership
Both the Lodge of Perfection and Chapter Rose Croix have strong leadership supported by their Grand Secretary. Succession planning is in place and the Valley identifies for brethren the expectations of offices and the three-to-five-year commitment they are making when taking on a senior office. The HIGs are a strong support team for the Valley even though they are scattered over a large geographical area. Their regular support demonstrates their strong interest and love of the Rite. The Valley has a robust cohort of brethren who have been in office for several years. They are now helping ensure the consistency of programs as well as offering mentorship to new officers.

Communication
The Valley continues to use email as their primary method of informing the membership about meetings and news. Additionally, phone calls are made to individual members to buttress these communications.

Education & Enlightenment
Education and Enlightenment is provided by items emailed or sent via Canada Post by the Grand Secretary as well as through discussion at meetings.

Being worked on
There is an established expectation that newer members will take on a role in degrees, especially as understudies for major parts, and this strategy will continue. Classes of candidates are informed that Scottish Rite is very participatory, and a commitment to the Valley is more than one might see in other fraternal groups -- there are plenty of roles for brethren to take.

The are discussions with other Interior Valleys to do re-unions for both Rose Croix and Consistory to allow brethren the ability to advance to the 32nd degree without having to make long commutes multiple times.

## Valley of Prince Rupert

Membership (28) - +3 change in membership
Virtual Official Visit: May 22nd, 2024

Membership
Membership numbers increase by 3 in the last year. Craft Lodges in the area have been struggling for members, however there are a number of large construction projects underway in the northwest of the Province. This year the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon will hold its Annual Communications in Terrace. The hope is that the Annual Communications and the influx of younger men and their families will result in an increase in Masonic membership and that Scottish Rite will benefit from this renewed interest in Masonry.

The New Caledonia Chapter of Rose Croix (Prince George) supports this Valley despite being 350-miles distant from Terrace. The members of this Valley can only progress through Scottish Rite by travelling. Given the low membership within the Prince Rupert LOP, conferrals of Perfection Degrees are challenging and there may be a need for a new model such as a reunion until the Valley starts to grow. The Prince George Valley will continue to support the Prince Rupert Valley through reunions for the Rose Croix.

For 19th through 32nd degree completion, Prince Rupert and Prince George members must travel to Vancouver which is a multiple day journey or to the Morningstar Consistory in Vernon. The BC Consistory reunion occurs in November and the Morningstar Consistory is discussing holding a re-union as will. This will give the Valley alternatives for advancing members to the 32°. Supreme Council many want to consider a virtual reunion format for these Valleys, similar to what is being used in the Northern Jurisdiction. This flexibility would be highly beneficial.

Leadership
Officers are elected for two years. The pool of Past TPGMs is small. Much of the work of the Valley is through communications with the Grand Secretary and TPGM. Some meetings of senior officers occur prior to a regular meeting but this is not yet a formalized process. The Valley is looking to upgrade its By-laws to reflect what can work best for the Valley including executive meetings before business meetings. The small membership means that committees are not used, instead a senior or executive officer will take on an additional role.

Communication
Email remains the standard process through which members receive notices of meetings. Personal contacts are made through email and phone calls.

Education & Enlightenment
The Valley has focused on supporting the Craft Lodges in the area and informing brethren about Scottish Rite. The Valley therefore has not yet put a formal education process in place.

Being worked on
Establishing a regular schedule now that meetings are underway again. The members in the Valley are also all very busy supporting their Craft Lodges and York Rite bodies so my advice to the Valley has been not to try to do everything but to focus on doing one or two things well. The Valley is also being encouraged to reach out to other Valleys or the Deputy who are prepared to assist.

**Valley of Vancouver**

Vancouver Lodge of Perfection (130) – 145 in 2022
Vancouver Chapter of Rose Croix (124) – 131 in 2022
BC Consistory (271) – 302 in 2022
Official Visit: March 6th - 7th, 2024

Membership
Valley membership has decreased in all three bodies in 2023. This is not totally unexpected as some members have transferred to the Fraser Valley because of commute times in Greater Vancouver and the abnormally high amount of road construction. Core membership in the Valley is strong and it's expected that membership in 2024 will stabilize. Early indications are that there will be modest growth.

Much of the membership success of the Valley is due to the HIGs and Senior Officers of the bodies who are working hard to encourage class members and do degree work. New members are encouraged to support the bodies by taking parts in the degrees – truly the only way to learn and understand the work of the degree - and to build an immediate connection within the Valley. New members have the opportunity to meet members from various Craft Lodges in the lower mainland which has encouraged attendance after receiving the degrees.

The Consistory of the Valley serves the broader province in two respects. It is the only Consistory that confers the degrees as a reunion although Morning Star Consistory in Vernon is considering a re-union model. This allows brethren from Northern BC to fly in and receive the Consistory degrees over a two-day period. The reunion approach also assists other brethren from around the Province by providing brethren who have been unable to attend conferrals of one or more of the obligatory degrees in their Consistory, with an opportunity to achieve those degrees.

Leadership
The Principal Officers, the Executive Committee and Advisory Council continue to meet on a regular basis. The strong support of the HIGs who willingly step in to assist with degree work and planning benefits the Valley and the Officers of the three bodies. The task to rebuild degree teams with younger members is ongoing. A Ritual Coordinator is established for all degrees.

Communication
Most of the members receive their communications by email. Some senior members and those who do not now attend by request receive notice by mail. Some have declined to receive communications but wish to remain as members. All members receive invoices, and the full year calendar of events. A newsletter is distributed at regular intervals during the year.

Education & Enlightenment
Educational presentations have continued at meetings and have been highlighted in notices. The use of Zoom for Education & Enlightenment has not occurred since in-person Masonic activity has resumed.

Planned and Underway
Work in the costume area is now complete and regalia is unpacked making it easier to confer degrees. The Valley is looking at several options for a database for members including the Valley of Toronto's database as well as the Grand Lodge of BC &Y database. One of the newer Valley members who is in the computer field is spearheading this project which hopefully will allow the other 9 Valleys in BC &Y some assistance in keeping track of their membership. The Valley is looking at moving its regular meeting night from Friday to Wednesday at the new Masonic Centre to attract a larger number of brethren to meetings

and remove conflicts with other Masonic bodies. This is still being worked on and will ultimately result in By-law changes. Until this happens dispensations will be granted.

## Valley of Vernon

Okanagan LOP (105) previous year (110)
Moray RC (99) previous year (104)
Morning Star Consistory (113) previous year (110)
Official Visit: - April 4th - 5th, 2024

Membership
Membership in the Valley's three bodies which increased substantially in 2022 normalized in 2023. New candidates are currently progressing through the Lodge of Perfection. Interest in Scottish Rite remains high, and with Craft Lodges in the area initiating new Masons, Scottish Rite will benefit in future years.

Leadership
Strong leadership is in place and there is a succession plan for officers supported by the HIG's. Presiding Officers have worked both within the Valley and in cooperation with the Valley of Kamloops to ensure that degrees are conferred in a timely manner and to a high standard.

The Valley has an Advisory Committee that normally meets twice a year in March and October and informally when it deems it necessary. The incoming senior officers of all three bodies normally attend a meeting in April, the purpose of which is to listen to plans for the coming year as well as review the rosters of officers, checking for duplications, commitment, and interest.

The HIGs of the Valley are highly active, constantly monitoring and mentoring the activities of the three bodies. A high standard is always expected from the members. Many members of the Valley also have a high profile in Craft Masonry in the area.

Communication
Communication between the members of the Valley of Vernon is by phone and/or email.

Education & Enlightenment
The Valley has made use of the Education and Enlightenment information created by Supreme Council with links distributed to the membership by email. USB Library Sticks have also been purchased from Supreme Council and are mailed to brethren who request a stick.

Being Worked on
The Valley has worked closely with the Kamloops Valley on the future conferral of degrees. There has also been an interest in having a re-union for the Interior Valleys to spread ritual between a larger number of members thus ensuring even better-quality delivery.

Valley By-laws are being reviewed by Supreme Council and feedback when received will be looked at in the coming months.

## Valley of Victoria

Victoria Valley (138) previous year (130)
Victoria Chapter (209) previous year (205)
Vancouver Island Consistory (206) previous year (193)
Official Visit: December 12th, 2023

Membership
The Valley (LOP) draws its membership from nine Craft Lodges in Greater Victoria. Each of the nine Craft Lodges have Scottish Rite members who play major roles as officers, ritualists, and mentors. It is through these connections that membership proposals come forward. The process for receiving proposals has

been improved to ensure that plenty of time is available for the interviews in readiness for balloting. Classes entering Scottish Rite have been smaller than pre-Covid but are both younger and very committed.

The Chapter Rose Croix and the Vancouver Island Consistory had seen significant drops in membership from both the Colville Lodge of Perfection and the Strathcona Lodge of Perfection but that trend has now turned around. It should be noted that the journey to attend a meeting from these "up-Island" locations is a round trip of four to six hours. Younger members still working cannot attend without taking time off work and older members don't like the late-night drive. The Valley Executive Committee is looking to pilot an Island Rose Croix and Island Consistory in-person meetings to reduce the travel barrier or have a reunion.

Leadership

The Valley of Victoria's creation of an Executive Committee has assisted with the operation of the Valley and helps plan calendars, leadership succession and degree cast members. Officers and HIG's have taken an active role to ensure Valley success.

Communication

The main means of communication is the Valley's Notice and Summons to the Illustrious Brethren. Email is used for most of the brethren in the Valley of Victoria, and Canada Post is used by request for a small number (27) of the brethren. The Valley does not have a website although brethren have been made aware of Supreme Council's web page.

Education & Enlightenment

When meeting the Valley utilizes both the Summons/Notice and the Supreme Council's playbills to provide an overview of the relevant degree. Illustrious Brother Matthew Clark, 33°, has provided the Valley and Valleys across North America and beyond interesting Education pieces.

Being worked on

The Valley's Treasurer has developed spreadsheets providing current financial information. This system has greatly enhanced the Valley's ability to forecast budgeted items.

A new set of By-laws has been assembled and has been submitted to Supreme Council for approval. Once approved the By-laws will be distributed to the membership.

Conclusion

Scottish Rite Masonry is financially healthy and slowly growing in British Columbia and Yukon. Brethren are engaged and officers are making every effort to deliver ritual at a high standard. New members in general are younger and eager. The Deputy Awards granted this year to all the Valleys and the pilot programs underway in our Scottish Rite Learning Centres have raised the profile within Craft Masonry in BC&Y. The challenge for the Valleys will be to maintain this momentum.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas G. Easton, 33°
Deputy for British Columbia & Yukon Territory

Report of the Deputy for
**MANITOBA & NUNAVUT TERRITORY**
**(Gordon L. Greasley)**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers, and Brethren:

I respectfully submit this, my report as the Deputy for Manitoba and Nunavut Territory, on the Valley of Brandon and the Valley of Winnipeg for 2023-2024.

Both Valleys operated at pre-pandemic levels of activity, although attendance has not recovered from pre-pandemic levels.

As part of our support of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba's efforts to ensure cooperation and harmony amongst the Masonic Family I had the honour and pleasure to bring greetings on behalf of the Supreme Council at the following events:

- Potentate's Installation, Khartum Temple
- Daughters of the Nile Sphinx Temple Installation
- Grand Lodge of Manitoba Annual Communication

I also routinely attended the bi-monthly meetings of the Masonic Family Committee for the Grand Lodge of Manitoba

We were saddened by the loss of one Honorary Inspector-General this year – Ill. Bro. Morley McKay, 33°. His life and passing are commemorated elsewhere in these proceedings.

## Valley of Brandon

The Valley met monthly throughout the year. The Valley's small membership base has put some pressure on the members when delivering degrees with larger cast lists. The Valley frequently joins with the Valley of Winnipeg for the Consistory degrees.

Membership
The Valley of Brandon Initiated three new members in 2023-24. Membership in the Lodge of Perfection increased to 25 members.

Communication
The Valley has a monthly bulletin and communicates by email on an as-needed basis. Members are in frequent formal and informal contact with each other through fraternal bodies, community organizations and personal friendships.

Leadership
Given the small size of the Valley, officers tend to hold the same positions over time, and the three bodies have overlapping officer slates.

Financial Health
The financial affairs of the Valley of Brandon are managed responsibly, and the financial position of the Valley is expected to be stable in the next 5 years. At present, income from investments covers fixed operating costs, leaving the Valley some financial flexibility.

The Valley has a scholarship fund, and grants awards to local college students. The Valley matched the SRCF Deputy's Award this year, allowing the purchase of up to 8 spaces at Brandon University's Mini-University camp for low-income children with special needs.

Valley Improvement Plans
The Valley has not initiated a process for developing a Valley improvement plan.

Fellowship
Valley members form a close-knit group, meeting often for formal and informal social events. Spouses are often included in these events.

## Valley of Winnipeg

The Valley of Winnipeg met on a monthly basis throughout the year. The Valley has made progress rebuilding the degree cast lists, which were decimated during the two-year shutdown through deaths, aging and demits.

Membership
The Valley of Winnipeg Initiated four new members in 2023-24.

Valley membership declined from 118 to 110, with 4 initiations, 4 restorations, 5 deaths (including a 2022 death reported in 2023), 3 demits and 10 suspensions.

Communication
The Valley has a monthly bulletin and communicates by email on an as-needed basis. Distribution of Supreme Council materials remains an issue.

Leadership
The Valley installed new officers in all three bodies in May 2024. All four of the newest Sublime Princes were installed as officers in the various bodies, and all four have indicated a desire to take on ritual work in the fall. The new principal officers have started an initiative to identify members with officer potential who have become less-frequent attendees since the closure, in attempt to re-engage those members.

Financial Health
The Valley's financial health continues to present a serious medium-term risk. The Valley recently took steps to address its high rent costs by giving up space in its robing room in return for a significant reduction in rent. The deal was facilitated by a change in the leadership at the Masonic Memorial Centre.

The SRCF Deputy's Award for the Valley of Winnipeg went to the Association for Community Living – South Interlake, which provides residential homes and vocational training to adults living with an intellectual disability, utilizing a social enterprise model.

Valley Improvement Plans
The Valley has not initiated a process for developing a Valley improvement plan.

Fellowship
The Valley returned to its tradition of holding an annual Christmas party at the Neal Bardal Funeral Centre. Ill. Bro. Neil Bardal, 33°, was an innovative funeral director who created an open and welcoming space for celebrations of life, and his son Ill. Bro. Erik Bardal, 32°, continues Neil's business and Masonic legacy.

Valley officers have recognized the need for additional social events and have begun planning for 2024-25.

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon Greasley, 33°
Deputy for Manitoba and Nunavut Territory

Report of the Deputy for
**NEW BRUNSWICK**
**(Graham A. Fraser)**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers, and Brethren:

It is my pleasure to report on the condition and activities of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the Valleys of Fredericton, Moncton, and Saint John.

## Valley of Fredericton

Membership
The membership numbers as of December 31, 2023 are as follows:
Maxwell Lodge of Perfection - 47
King Solomon Chapter of Rose Croix – 46

The year-end results for 2023 reflect a reduction of 3 in the Lodge of Perfection and 2 in the Chapter of Rose Croix. Maxwell Lodge of Perfection membership activity in 2023 consisted of 1 Restoration, 2 Deaths and 1 Withdrawal. The King Solomon Chapter Rose Croix membership activity consisted of 1 Restoration, 2 Deaths and 1 Withdrawal.

Maxwell Lodge of Perfection held four meetings during the year and King Solomon Chapter of Rose Croix each held three meetings. Regular summons of meetings and events are communicated by email and/or postal service. The Lodge notices are the primary means of communication but the use of the telephone and text messaging are also being utilized when appropriate. Some members also attended virtual events hosted by Supreme Council. The Valley Grand Secretary/Registrar also maintained contact with periodic updates to the membership and was appreciative of the ongoing communication from the Supreme Council office and the special messages from the Sovereign Grand Commander that he distributed to the membership.

Leadership

With no degree work taking place in 2023, the degree directors and the HIG.'s, who normally assist in conducting training sessions, practices, etc., were limited to advising in the ritual and floor work associated with the opening and closing of the Lodge. Candidates received their degrees in other Valleys, with proper dispensation being granted. The Valley Advisory Committee, consisting of the senior officers and the HIG's, continue to provide suggestions, guidance, and support within the Valley. Some members are stepping up to assist but more involvement by all members is needed for the Valley to progress and increase membership. The term of office for the two bodies in the Valley is two years, and the Installation of Officers for the Maxwell Lodge of Perfection was held in April.

Fellowship

A light lunch is normally provided after meetings and the members enjoy this time to exchange information, ideas, and the opportunity to become better acquainted.

Financial Health

Thanks to the due diligence of the Grand Treasurer and the Finance committee the Valley is currently in good financial condition with funds available from investments.

General Comments

The Fredericton Valley has a small core of members who are actively involved in promoting Scottish Rite in the Valley. With a number of new petitions being balloted on in 2023, plans are underway for upcoming degree activities. With an ageing membership and with minimal growth the Valley needs to engage more of their members to attend, participate and become more involved in its activities. Presentations at the Craft Lodges to promote Scottish Rite are underway and other opportunities to reach out to the Craft Lodge members are being discussed**.** Utilization of the Valley improvement plan may be a beneficial tool to engage and assist the membership in developing plans for membership recruitment and participation at meetings. During the year, the Valley submitted an application for the Deputy's award program that was approved and awarded.

## **Valley of Moncton**

Membership

The membership numbers as of December 31, 2023 are:
Moncton Lodge of Perfection - 77
Britton Chapter Rose Croix – 71

Membership in the Lodge of Perfection and the Chapter of Rose Croix experienced a reduction of 14 and 9 members respectively in 2023. The Lodge of Perfection reduction was the result of 2 Deaths, 5 Withdrawals and 7 Suspensions. The Chapter of Rose Croix reduction was due to 2 Deaths, 2 Withdrawals and 5 Suspensions. The Moncton Lodge of Perfection held five meetings during the year, with the Installation of officers taking place in October. The Britton Chapter Rose Croix held a total of four meetings.

At the end of 2023, eight candidates for membership by initiation to both bodies were in waiting and this will provide a needed boost to the Valley membership.

Communication

Communication with the members is achieved through the distribution of notices, brochures, and associated information by email and/or postal service. Individual contact by phone has been beneficial in maintaining contact with the Valley membership and improving meeting attendance. The majority of the membership continues to receive their correspondence by email. Virtual meetings have been limited but correspondence has been shared with the members through the Grand Secretary/Registrar including messages and updates from the Sovereign Grand Commander and the Supreme Council Office.

Leadership

Leadership Training sessions are normally held to assist the officers and cast members in the ritual and floor work associated with the opening, closing and portrayal of the degrees. A Valley Advisory committee consisting of the senior officers of the Lodge, Chapter, and the HIG's meet on occasion to provide guidance, suggestions and recommendations. A committee was formed to review the Valley By-laws utilizing the template from Supreme Council. This work will be continuing in 2024.

Fellowship

A light lunch, fellowship and conversation typically take place following each meeting. The Moncton Masonic club is open for members of the Masonic fraternity and associated concordant bodies to gather on Friday evenings and for other special events and this provides another opportunity for fellowship with members and spouses and to promote Scottish Rite. Presentations from members of the Moncton Learning Centre and other groups have been well received by the members and their ladies.

Special Events

One of the major fundraising activities is associated with Scottish Rite members assisting other Masonic bodies at the Atlantic Nationals Car show fundraiser in July. The Valley also plans to continue its participation in the Tri-Valley reunions assisting in the portrayal of degrees as required. The Lodge of Perfection did continue with their practice of holding one of their meetings in Miramichi as conditions permit. The Valley also hosted a Robbie Burns night in January.

Craft Lodge Liaison

The Craft Lodges and Scottish Rite members are jointly assisting with the promotion and fundraising for the Moncton Learning Centre. The promotion and participation in Master Mason nights has been another opportunity for improving the awareness of the Scottish Rite within the Craft Lodges and it is a positive tool in recruitment.

Financial Health

The Lodge of Perfection and Chapter Rose Croix are in a healthy position financially with their dues structure and investment accounts covering expenses.

General Comments

The Valley is actively represented by a group of dedicated members, but the effects of age and health are being felt. Recruitment activities with Master Mason nights and contacts with new members in the Masonic Lodges have been positive. Although membership numbers are good the level of attendance and participation by the members is becoming a concern. Continued action and participation with the Valley Improvement action plans are seen as beneficial. There are eight candidates in waiting for membership by initiation, and others that have already received the Fourth degree. The term of office for each body is two years. During the year, the Valley submitted an application for the Deputy's award program that was approved and awarded.

## Valley of Saint John

Membership

The membership numbers as of December 31, 2023 are:
Saint John Lodge of Perfection - 63

Harington Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix - 56
New Brunswick Sovereign Consistory -134

The Year-end results for 2023 reflect a decrease of 2 in the Lodge of Perfection, a decrease of 8 in the Chapter of Rose Croix and a decrease of 18 in the Consistory.

The membership activity in the Saint John Lodge of Perfection consisted of 4 Initiations, 2 Restorations, 1 Death, 1 Withdrawal and 6 Suspensions. Membership activity in the Harrington Chapter Rose Croix consisted of 1 Restoration, 2 Deaths, 1 Withdrawal and 6 Suspensions. The New Brunswick Sovereign Consistory had 3 Restorations, 5 Deaths, 2 Withdrawals and 14 Suspensions.

The Saint John Lodge of Perfection held seven meetings during the year. The Harrington Chapter of Rose Croix had five regular meetings in addition to the Easter Ceremonies. The New Brunswick Consistory held four meetings in 2023. The Valley has introduced presentations and discussions on various degrees to generate interest and increase attendance and participation. Eight candidates who previously received the Fourth Degree in the Valley received the remaining Lodge of Perfection degrees at a Reunion in June.

Communication
Regular meeting notices and events are communicated by email and by postal service. Notification of special events consists of contact by email and by phone. Information updates were provided to the membership periodically by the Valley Grand Secretary/Registrar and include correspondence from the Supreme Council office in Hamilton as well as updates from the Sovereign Grand Commander which were appreciated by the members.

Leadership
The Valley ritual committee and degree directors continue to assist the cast members with preparation and guidance in the performance of the degrees and associated ritual. The Advisory Committee consisting of the senior officers and the HIG's provide suggestions, guidance and support. Succession planning is included within the role of the Advisory committee. As a result of Covid meeting restrictions, the Lodge of Perfection and Rose Croix officers agreed to extend their term of office to three years from the normal two.

Fellowship
Opportunities for fellowship occur at the social time available before the meetings or during a light lunch after each meeting. The members enjoy this time exchanging information, ideas, etc. and the opportunity to become better acquainted with each other. Visits to sick and shut-in members is a priority and always very much appreciated. Widows of departed members are contacted at Easter with roses and at Christmas with a small gift and social time to keep in touch.

Special Events
In December the Valley held its' Annual Wine & Cheese Christmas social and fundraiser to assist the Moncton Learning centre. A book sale, silent auction and other activities were enjoyed by all those in attendance.

Craft Lodge Liaison
Representatives of the Valley attended several Craft Lodges during the year and made presentations to promote the Rite. This resulted in new applications being received. The annual Grand Lodge Communication also provided an opportunity to have a display to promote and update the brethren on Scottish Rite.

Financial Health
The financial health of the Lodge of Perfection and Rose Croix bodies has been declining. Investment income is down, and the Valley has focused on expense reduction. A dues increase for each of the bodies was approved for 2024 and this will greatly improve the finances for each body.

General Comments
The Valley has a small nucleus of dedicated members who are active in several Masonic bodies. Membership, financial stability and attendance are concerns that are being addressed. An effort to reduce

the number of Suspensions is an area of focus for 2024. Use of the Valley Improvement plan may assist in identifying possible options for consideration and improvement in these areas. Continuing attention to educational content at meetings and a focus on fellowship may be beneficial for improving attendance. During the year, the Valley submitted an application for the Deputy's award program that was approved and awarded.

Respectfully submitted,
Graham A. Fraser, 33°
Deputy for New Brunswick

Report of the Deputy for
**NOVA SCOTIA, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR**
**(Owen T. Devereaux)**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers, and Brethren:

I am pleased to report on the condition and activities of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the Valleys under my jurisdiction – Halifax, Sydney, Summerside and St. John's.

## Valley of Halifax

The Valley of Halifax has had six in-person meetings since from January-December 2023. I attended the Keith Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix reunion in November 17-18, 2023 and was pleased with the degree work conducted by the brethren.

Membership
The membership numbers (as of December 31) are:

| | 2022 | 2023 |
|---|---|---|
| Victoria Lodge of Perfection | 157 | 143 |
| Keith Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix | 152 | 152 |
| Nova Scotia Sovereign Consistory | 221 | 197 |

Communication
Valley communication is done via email and mail out.

Leadership
The Valley has a dedicated leadership team that continues to ensure the success of the Valley activities.

Valley Fellowship
Social activities have returned to a somewhat normal fashion. At one of the meetings of the Keith Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix, a walkthrough and explanation of the 17th degree as a means of education was given. This degree was at one time regularly portrayed at the reunions.

Support to Craft Lodges
Members of the Valley are leaders within the Craft Lodge.

Uniqueness
The Halifax Children's Learning Centre is unique to the Valley and is supported with pride by the membership. A satellite Children's Learning Centre in Truro is in the process of being established.

Financial Strength
The investments that have been made keep the Valley in a strong financial position.

## Valley of Sydney

The Valley has had three Lodge of Perfection meeting and two Chapter meetings in 2023.

Membership
The member ship numbers (as of December 31) are:

| | 2022 | 2023 |
|---|---|---|
| Cape Breton Lodge of Perfection | 85 | 80 |
| Royal Chapter Rose Croix | 77 | 73 |

Communication
Communication is done via email and mail out with about a 50/50 ratio.

Leadership
There are still issues with the aging membership; several meetings were cancelled due to weather.

Financial Strength
The Valley is doing well financially.

## Valley of Summerside

The Valley held five Lodge of Perfection meetings and four Chapter meetings in 2023.

Membership
The member ship numbers (as of December 31) are:

| | 2022 | 2023 |
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| Albert Edward Lodge of Perfection | 44 | 44 |
| Gordon L. Bennett Chapter Rose Croix | 38 | 39 |

Communication
All members of the Valley are contacted through email.

Leadership
The Valley has a dedicated leadership team that continues to ensure the success of the Valley activities.

Valley Fellowship
The Valley holds an annual lobster supper which is held as a fund-raiser for the Almoners Fund. This is held on the 4th Tuesday of June at The New Glasgow Lobster Supper location. I was able to attend this function in 2023 accompanied by Ill. Bro. Kent Clarke, 33°, and meet with the leadership team of the Valley.

Support to Craft Lodges
The Valley membership has been able to get back on track in support of the Craft Lodges.

Financial Strength
Financial status is in a healthy position.

## Valley of St. John's

Membership
The member ship numbers (as of December 31) are:

| | 2022 | 2023 |
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| Centennial Lodge of Perfection | 73 | 69 |
| MacGillivray Chapter Rose Croix | 69 | 68 |
| Newfoundland & Labrador Consistory | 64 | 66 |

Communication
Communication is done via email and mail out with about a 95/5 ratio

Leadership
On May 14, 2024 the AGM was held and the current presiding officers are staying in office for their respective body.

Valley Fellowship
The Valley held its annual walk-a-thon in support of the SRCF in October, 2022. This was well attended with a social held after. This event and social was open to our families and friends.
Support to Craft Lodges

The Valley has several of its members serving as Master or leadership roles in their respective Lodges.

Uniqueness
This year the Valley decided to do a membership drive in conjunction with the 150th anniversary celebrations of Supreme Council. There are 11 candidates slated to receive their fourth degree on June 22, 2024, followed by a combined 150th Celebration/new members banquet. This may seem like a small number of members, but it represents a 16% increase.

Financial Strength
The Valley of St. John's is in strong financial shape.

I wish to thank, the following Illustrious Brethren for their continued support: Ill. Bro. Frank Gammell, 33°, GSR; Ill. Bro. Gary Pretty, 32°, GSR; Ill. Bro. Robert Stevenson, 32°, GSR; Ill. Bro. Bob Woodworth, 32°, GSR and Ill. Bro. Kent Clarke, 33°, Assistant to the Deputy.

The four Valleys have successfully submitted and received the Deputy's Award over the past year. With the aging membership and the increased weather events in Atlantic Canada, getting current members out to meetings has been challenging. The continuing decrease in membership numbers is a concern but all Valleys are striving to right the ship and build for the future. It has been my pleasure to serve as the Deputy and look forward to the next two years of increased membership and meeting attendance.

Respectfully submitted,
Ill. Bro. Owen T. Devereaux, 33°
Deputy for Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Labrador

Report of the Deputy for
**ONTARIO**
**(Robert D. Brethour)**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers, and Brethren:

The following is my report on the Valleys of Barrie, North Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury and Thunder Bay.

## Valley of Barrie

Membership

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| Barrie Lodge of Perfection | 1048 |
| Spry Chapter of Rose Croix | 982 |
| Barrie Consistory | 1183 |

The Valley had a slight decrease in each body, and there was much discussion regarding attracting new members. The Valley has several tools already in place (Craft Lodge Degree Teams, Master Mason Event) plus the Valley Marketing Team is working on measures to increase the Scottish Rite presence in Craft Lodges around their jurisdiction.

The Valley recently amended/updated their By-laws to allow candidates the option of annual dues or

commuted dues. To date, only 3 members have opted for annual dues.

Communications
This Valley makes excellent use of various forms of communication. In addition to the Notice, a Valley newsletter is published twice a year; the Valley operates a very informative website; there is a Valley Facebook page; the Valley Zoom Educational Meetings continue to be very well received; updates are sent to members both via email and by regular mail; and the Active members provide periodic reports on Valley activities.

At the present time 841 members receive Notices and Correspondence electronically.

Leadership
The Valley has a strong core of very dedicated leaders and officers. The Trustees provide much of the direction and planning of special events and programs, and there is considerable support from the Valley HIGs and the Presiding Officers.

Education & Enlightenment
Throughout the pandemic, the Valley conducted a very successful Zoom Education Series with many interesting topics and presenters. They are continuing these events in coordination with the Valley of Hamilton and the National Education Committee, with two presentations planned this year.

In addition, educational material is also distributed via the Valley website, the Triangle Newsletter, and through the office.

Fellowship
The main social events in the Valley are an annual golf tournament (with the proceeds going to the Barrie Learning Centre), and an annual pig & corn roast (with the proceeds going to the Props & Regalia Departments). These events are well supported and popular.

In addition, the Valley hosts an annual meeting in May for our members of Supreme Council, their partners, and the widows of our departed HIGs. This meeting consists of a social time; a business meeting for the men; entertainment for the ladies; and a banquet.

The Valley also conducts cloverleaf visits with several neighbouring Valleys.

Finally, in honour of the 150th Anniversary of Supreme Council, the Valley is planning a dinner-dance social evening.

Uniqueness
This is a very active and innovative Valley. Initiatives include: a Membership Engagement Committee; a Reunion Manager position; an Officers Committee which projects future officers 3 years in advance; regularly scheduled Cloverleaf Visits with several other Valleys; a Marketing Team working to attract new members; and a dedicated Education Committee.

In addition, the Valley has created an Officer's Manual (listing specific duties), a Manual for the Office of Secretary, and a Manual for the Office of Treasurer.

The Valley also operates a Learning Centre in Barrie, with a satellite location in Muskoka.

Craft Lodge Initiatives
The Valley will be hosting its annual Master Masons event in May. The Marketing Team is investigating an increased on-line presence, as well as either District or Craft Lodge Liaisons around our jurisdiction to raise awareness of all that Scottish Rite has to offer.

Discussions also took place regarding the potential of utilizing the 'Welcome to Scottish Rite Freemasonry' presentation, and the 'Not Just a Man, a Mason' program.

Financial Health
While the Valley lost a fairly significant amount of money last year, they remain stable financially. A Financial Review Committee has been formed to work with our investment advisors to ensure maximum returns on our investments.

The key to continued financial stability, however, remains attracting new members.

Valley Improvement Plan
As mentioned previously, this is a very active and engaged Valley always looking for ways to improve the Scottish Rite experience for its members. The Action Register created by Jim Anderson allows the Valley to easily track their various initiatives.

Deputy Checklist
The Deputy Checklists were reviewed with very positive results.

The Health Assessment Tool (HAT) was discussed and will likely be utilized by the Valley in the future.

Comments and Observations
The meeting concluded with a 'once around', resulting in additional discussion on a variety of topics. These included: The Valley's participation in the upcoming 'Day of Masonry' to be held in Barrie in May; the Learning Centre Graduation in October; pins to identify the spouses and widows of members; the societal changes affecting many other organizations; and what should be our 'target group' focus.

The Barrie Learning Centre continues to be a huge success story. They are currently tutoring 26 young people in Barrie and Muskoka. To date, they have had 49 graduates of the program.

The Rose Croix Reunion on March 23rd went very well indeed. The degrees were of high calibre. Prior to the 18° the special guests were received into Lodge under the Stars and Swords in a most dignified and efficient manner.

It should be noted that the Valley, on a trial basis in 2024, is not having any address at the banquet. There was, however, a Toast to Supreme Council to which I responded with some expanded comments.

In summary, the Valley enjoys strong leadership from its HIGs and Officers, as well as a very active membership base. In particular, I would thank Valley Secretary Jim Anderson for his tireless efforts on behalf of the Valley. I would also note the retirement of long time Valley Treasurer, Sid Woods. In addition to his duties as Treasurer, Sid is also responsible for the music for degrees available on the website of Supreme Council.

Finally, my sincere appreciation and thanks goes to Grand Standard Bearer John Harrison, always a source of wise counsel and valued leadership.

## Valley of North Bay

Membership

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| North Bay Lodge of Perfection | 364 |
| North Bay Chapter of Rose Croix | 474 |

Both bodies in the Valley saw a decrease in membership of approximately 30. The Valley continues to address the concern of a large number of missing members.

Communications
The Valley Secretary/Registrar continues to do a very good job in keeping the membership engaged and up to date on correspondence and material from Supreme Council. The majority of members receive communications electronically, although 195 members do not.

The Valley has started publication of a very informative newsletter, and they plan to create a Valley website in the future. They have also launched a Valley Facebook page.

Leadership
The Executive Team of the Valley oversees most of the operations in North Bay. The Executive Team includes: the three primary Officers of both bodies; the Secretary, Treasurer and Almoner, and Ill. Bros. Meadows and Stephenson.

The Valley has created the position of Reunion Coordinator to assist in the management of the reunions. This should prove to be very beneficial moving forward.

They are also in the process of developing a Valley Officers Manual to assist officers in the performance of their duties.

Education & Enlightenment
While the Valley does not have a formal Education Committee, they do a great job in engaging both members and candidates by the utilization of tools such as Playbills and the Pre and Post Degree Explanations. They also distribute the Scottish Rite booklet and membership jewel to all candidates.
The Welcome to Scottish Rite Freemasonry power point presentation is also utilized at Masons Nights.

Fellowship
The main fellowship in the Valley revolves around the activities of the 183 Club in North Bay. However, the Valley will be hosting a combined celebration in October to mark the 150th Anniversary of Supreme Council and to honour Ill. Bro. Clive Stephenson on his election as Supreme Grand Master of the Grand Priory of Canada.

The Valley also plans to continue the cloverleaf visit program with other Valleys in the future.

Uniqueness
The Valley employs a 'Volunteer Dues' program whereby Life Members are invited to submit the equivalent of annual dues on a strictly volunteer basis. This novel idea has created an additional revenue stream for the Valley.

The Valley also utilizes 3 locations within their jurisdiction for the Easter Services.

Craft Lodge Initiatives
The Valley enjoys a very good relationship with Craft Lodges in their jurisdiction. They have taken a Degree Team to Powassan Lodge for almost 80 years now, and they plan to expand their participation in other Craft Lodges.

Financial Health
This remains an area of grave concern for the Valley of North Bay. While the Valley itself is in a less than ideal financial state (with an operating loss in 2023), the Temple Board is in a precarious position due to many unforeseen issues including a serious flood they experienced 2 years ago and the loss of their tenant business on the first floor of the Lodge building. This is a very serious issue.

The Valley plans to increase both the Initiation Fee and Annual Dues to assist in improving their financial status.

Valley Improvement Plan
While not a formal Improvement Plan per se, Valley Treasurer Jake Lacourse compiled a comprehensive overview of all Valley initiatives, membership information and trends, and financial data for the Valley. It was a very quick point of reference for our discussions.

Deputy Checklist
The Provincial Deputies Checklists were reviewed and discussed. The Valley plans to utilize their own membership survey with their membership rather than using the Health Assessment Tool (HAT).

Comments and Observations
The biggest challenge facing the Valley of North Bay is the financial situation of the Temple Board and, to a lesser state, the Valley itself. There is a very real concern that they may lose the building. However, the

Valley enjoys a very strong and dedicated leadership team, as well as having the SGC as a member, and while the financial challenges the Valley is facing are extremely serious, the Leadership Team is attempting to work with the Temple Board to address the situation.
Once again this year the Valley participated in the SRCF Provincial Deputies Charitable Donation. An updated Valley History is also in progress.

In summary, it is always a pleasure to visit this Valley. I would like to thank Valley Secretary Michael Millard and Valley Treasurer Jake Lacourse for all of their hard work and efforts, as well as their full cooperation. In addition, I would specifically thank Ill. Bro. Ray Meadows for his tireless efforts in organizing the reunion and ensuring things went smoothly.

## Valley of Sault Ste. Marie

Membership

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| Sault Ste. Marie Lodge of Perfection | 113 |
| Sault Ste. Marie Chapter of Rose Croix | 113 |

The Valley of Sault Ste. Marie encompasses a very wide geographic area which results in members and officers having to travel long distances to attend meetings and reunions. Membership currently stands at 113 in each body, an increase of 3 members from the previous year. However, the Valley will be suspending a significant number of members for non-payment of dues in the coming weeks. Although this will certainly impact total membership numbers, the fact that 10 new members received their 18° at the Reunion is very encouraging.

The Valley also utilizes e-transfers for the payment of dues, something that has been well received. In addition, it was noted that a number of members of York Rite have also now joined Scottish Rite, again with positive results.

Communications

The primary vehicle for Communications is via the Notice. The Valley makes use of electronic delivery whenever possible, and correspondence from other Valleys and Supreme Council is made available to the membership. 110 out of 113 of their members receive information and Notices electronically. The Valley is to be commended for this high percentage of electronic delivery.

Leadership

The Valley Leadership Team is comprised of all Valley HIGs, the Valley Secretary/Registrar, and Valley Treasurer. This is a strong group of very dedicated leaders. In order to assist the line officers, a discussion regarding the Manual for Officers of Supreme Council took place. This Manual is available in the Members Section of the website of Supreme Council.

Education & Enlightenment

We had considerable discussion about the information and tools available on the Supreme Council website, including the new initiative of Degree Discoveries. Utilization of the educational material available at reunions or special meetings was discussed as a way to engage our newer members.

The Valley is considering melding their in-person business meetings with Zoom attendees from remote locations. In addition, we discussed the use of the Playbills and the Pre and Post Degree Explanations as educational tools.

Fellowship

In celebration of the 150th Anniversary of Supreme Council, the Valley is planning a wine and cheese reception in May.

The Valley also maintains very close ties with the Valley of Sudbury.

Uniqueness

The vast geographic area of this Valley certainly makes it unique. Officers and members from outlying

areas routinely travel several hours to get to meetings.

Craft Lodge Initiatives
Although the Valley does not use specific initiatives such as Masons Days, they have done an excellent job in attracting new members through personal contact. The influx of new members bodes well for the future.

The benefits of utilizing the Welcome to Scottish Rite Freemasonry presentation was again discussed as a useful tool to explain Scottish Rite and generate interest.

Financial Health
The Valley remains stable financially, and uses the interest from investments to augment the general account. In addition, the Temple Corporation (of which every member in all concordant bodies is a shareholder) is also financially stable. This is another positive for the Valley.

Valley Improvement Plan
Although the Valley does not currently have a Valley Improvement Plan, discussion on the benefits of such a plan again took place. In particular, it would allow the Valley set specific goals and to plan ahead for special events.

Utilizing the Health Assessment Tool (HAT) to poll the membership was also discussed.

Deputy Checklists
The Provincial Deputies Checklists were also reviewed with mostly positive results. Making use of the tools available and ideas for enhancing the experience for their membership were discussed.

Comments and Observations
The Valley of Sault Ste. Marie is very isolated, the nearest neighbouring Valley being a 3+ hour drive away, but they have a very dedicated group of leaders and a great sense of fellowship. The obvious harmony amongst the members is to be commended. As mentioned previously, the Valley Leadership Team is very strong, committed, and active.

The business meeting went very well with open dialogue and lots of ideas discussed. These meetings are beneficial for all involved.

At the Saturday Reunion on March 2nd the 15° and 18° were conferred and the 16° and 17° were communicated. Although there was still some reading of the ritual, much progress has been made in resolving this. The Valley has made this a priority.

As I do with all of my Valleys, in a follow-up letter after my visit I again made some minor suggestions which might enhance the experience for candidates and members alike. Overall, this Valley is in good shape. Financially stable; a large number of candidates; the active participation of newer members to assist with things like props set up and take down; along with a real sense of fellowship are all positives.

In summary, I very much enjoy visiting the Valley of Sault Ste. Marie. They face some unique challenges, but they are financially healthy and have the potential to grow their membership numbers in the future by utilizing some of the ideas and tools discussed. In particular, I would like to thank and acknowledge Valley Secretary/Registrar Brent Derochie for his thoroughness and organizational skills, and Ill. Bro. Larry Weeks for his commitment, dedication and leadership.

## Valley of Sudbury

Membership
Sudbury and District Lodge of Perfection 221

Membership remains fairly stable, with new members offsetting losses. They welcomed 3 new candidates and 1 Affiliate at the Reunion. Discussion regarding attracting new members took place. The Valley's

normally very successful Masons Night Event saw only 1 potential candidate in attendance, so it will receive additional promotion next year.

Communications
The Valley continues to communicate with their membership via messages, updates, and educational material on a regular basis. 73% of the members receive Notices electronically. They have not utilized the Zoom technology, but Valley Secretary Clive Stephenson does an excellent job in ensuring their members are informed.

Leadership
The Valley has a strong core of very dedicated leaders along with a strong group of officers, and they of course enjoy the benefit of having an Active Member of Supreme Council in the person of Clive Stephenson. The Valley Leadership Team consists of: the TPGM; Sr. & Jr. Grand Wardens; the Immediate Past TPGM; the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer.

Valley Executive Meetings are held 5 or 6 times a year and are open to all members. These Executive Meetings are very well attended, and provide their membership with an overview of Valley of activities and an opportunity to offer suggestions and input.

Education & Enlightenment
The Valley has formed an Education Committee consisting of Clive Stephenson, Gary Cayen, Ryan Lipic, David Squarzollo, and David Hodges. They report very positive feedback from the materials from Supreme Council which are distributed electronically.

This Valley makes extensive use of the Playbills created by the Education & Enlightenment Committee of Supreme Council. Although the Valley has not traditionally utilized the pre and post degree explanations, they intend to try the 4th degree on a trial basis. We discussed at length the educational material available on the website.

Fellowship
After being shut down during the pandemic, several of the social events and fundraisers are coming back on line. The making and selling of pork sausages has been a long-standing fundraiser for the props and regalia departments, and it will take place in May.

In addition, their Porchetta Pig Roast and Bingo event will also return this fall. This has been a very popular social event for many years. Their special event to mark the 150th Anniversary of Supreme Council, a 'Burns Night' dinner and scotch nosing held in January, was very successful and may become an annual event.

Finally, the Valley holds a Ladies Luncheon at a local venue on the Saturday of the Reunion, as well as an informal dinner following the Reunion to which members, candidates, and spouses are invited. These events are well attended and popular.

Uniqueness
The Valley of Sudbury is very active in visiting other Valleys and conferring degrees – in particular in Sault Ste. Marie, North Bay and Barrie. Several members of the Valley are in the officer line-up in other Valleys as well.

The Valley also has a very unique event called the Orators Lecture. This is held each January and features an educational presentation by the Grand Orator.

Craft Lodge Initiatives
The primary Craft Lodge initiative utilized by this Valley is the aforementioned Master Masons Night, which includes the presentation of the 'Welcome to Scottish Rite Freemasonry' power point and a portion of the 6th degree drama.

The utilization of the Welcome to Scottish Rite Freemasonry power point presentation in Craft Lodges, and perhaps creating specific people to act as Craft Lodge liaisons were also discussed.

Financial Health
The Valley is in a stable financial situation at the current time. When necessary, the Valley will call down excess funds in the Commutation Fund to help offset Valley expenses.

Valley Improvement Plan
The Valley of Sudbury does not currently have a Valley Improvement Plan; however, one is now in development. At the current time the planning of reunions, programs and events are handled by special committees.

Deputy Checklist
The Deputy Checklists were reviewed and discussed. The Health Assessment Tool (HAT) was also discussed as a good method to engage their membership.

Comments and Observations
The Valley continues to participate in the SRCF Provincial Deputies Charitable Award, and adds to the donation from Valley funds.

Last year the Valley began to name their Reunions in honour of a worthy brother, the first being Ill. Bro. Jervis Weir, 33°. This year's Reunion was named in honour of Ill. Bro. Ross Dixon, 33° - a most worthy selection.

On a sad note, the Valley recently lost one of its pillars, Ill. Bro. Paul Ashley, 33°. Ill. Bro. Ashley's presence and valuable input will be sorely missed.

A large number of Supreme Council Officers attended the Reunion, including: SGC Bennett; PSGC McLean; LGC Wills; Grand Chancellor Gilkinson; Deputy Brethour; Deputy Dickson; and Active Members Clive Stephenson and Brent Julian. There were also a large number of visitors from no less than 8 other Valleys.

At the Reunion the 4th, 5th, 7th, 13th and 14th degrees were conferred. The degrees went very well and were well received by the brethren present.

At the noon banquet on Saturday, Deputy Brethour responded to the Toast to Supreme Council, and SGC Bennett provided a most interesting address.

In summary, this is a very active and engaged Valley. The potential for growth is strong moving forward. Finally, my appreciation goes to the entire Leadership Team for their ongoing efforts on behalf of the Valley and the excellence in the performance of their duties. In particular, I would thank Ill. Bro. Clive Stephenson for his dedication, thoroughness and attention to detail.

## Valley of Thunder Bay

Membership

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| Superior Lodge of Perfection | 124 |
| Nanna Bijou Chapter of Rose Croix | 122 |
| North Star Consistory | 113 |

The Valley of Thunder Bay is, of course, very isolated from any other Scottish Rite Valley and it encompasses a very wide geographic area. Membership currently stands at 124-122-113, a decrease in all three bodies.

Of particular concern was the fact they had no candidates for their Lodge of Perfection Reunion. There was considerable discussion on this critical area, strategies to attract new members, and the challenges of doing so. The available tools were also discussed at length.

The Membership and Retention Committee, formed last year, has worked diligently on identifying and troubleshooting areas of concern. They have hosted a couple of focus groups and created a power point

presentation which was presented to the membership earlier this year.

Communications
The primary vehicle for Communications is via the Notice, which has recently been updated. The Valley makes use of electronic delivery whenever possible, and correspondence from other Valleys and Supreme Council is made available to the membership. 106 of their members receive information and Notices electronically.

Utilizing the Health Assessment Tool (HAT) to poll the membership was also discussed. With respect to the HAT, one member suggested that a couple of the questions be replaced with something clearer and more relevant. This has been passed along to the LGC.

Leadership
The Valley has a strong core of very dedicated leaders, led by Active Member Bill Davis. The Leadership Team consists of all Valley 33rds plus the presiding officer of each body. Discussion took place on scheduling regular meetings of the Leadership Team to deal with any issues or concerns, and to implement some of the ideas being proposed by the Membership & Retention Committee.

The Valley has created an extensive Valley Manual for Officers, and all Valley Officers also receive the Manual for Officers created by Supreme Council.

Education & Enlightenment
We had considerable discussion about the information and tools available on the Supreme Council website, including the Degree Discoveries. Utilization of the educational material available at reunions or special meetings was discussed as a way to engage our newer members.

Playbills have been utilized in the past at Reunions, and the pre and post degree explanations are used at all reunions. Using the 6th and 8th Degree Videos was also discussed.

Fellowship
The Valley plans to re-introduce an annual social BBQ, and each body in the Valley is planning some type of celebration event to mark the 150th Anniversary of Supreme Council.

Uniqueness
Certainly, the isolation from any other Valleys is unique, as is the distance some members have to travel to attend meetings. The creation of the Membership & Retention Committee is also a unique idea.

Craft Lodge Initiatives
Although the Valley has not utilized Craft Lodge Degree Teams for several years now, they do make use of the Welcome to Scottish Rite Freemasonry power point presentation created by the Education & Enlightenment Committee. This has been well received.

In addition, Active Member Bill Davis has spoken in several Lodges (by request) regarding Scottish Rite. There was considerable discussion of hosting a Master Masons Event or Open House to provide an overview and introduction to Scottish Rite.

The importance of supporting and assisting Craft Lodges was mentioned by several as a priority.

Financial Health
The Valley remains stable financially, and uses the interest from investments to augment the general account. Discussion was held last year on raising the annual dues, but the Leadership Team is satisfied with the status quo at the present time due to the financial stability of the Valley.

Valley Improvement Plan
The benefits of a Valley Improvement Plan were discussed, and the Leadership Team is interested in setting specific goals and timelines in the future.

A suggestion was made to create a Valley Vision Statement to assist in planning for the future.

Deputy Checklists

The Provincial Deputies Checklists were also reviewed with mostly positive results. Making use of the tools available and ideas for enhancing the experience for their membership were thoroughly discussed.

Comments and Observations

This was my first opportunity to meet in person with the Valley Leadership Team. It is a large team with diverse viewpoints, but all are committed to working for the betterment of the Valley.

I also had the opportunity to attend the Valley's Maundy Thursday Ceremony. It was well presented in a most dignified manner.

In summary, I very much enjoy visiting Thunder Bay. The Valley faces some unique challenges, but they are financially healthy, they have a strong Leadership Team, and they have the potential to grow their membership numbers in the future by utilizing some of the ideas and tools discussed. In particular, I would like to thank Active Member Bill Davis for his gracious hospitality. In addition, even though he was out of country, Grand Secretary/Registrar David Dasti had everything very well organized. Thank you!

This completes my report for the Valleys of Barrie, North Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury and Thunder Bay.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert D. Brethour, 33°
Deputy for Ontario

Report of the Deputy for
**ONTARIO**
**(Ronald J. Taylor)**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers, and Brethren:

The period of 2023 – 2024 has presented a complex tapestry of challenges and triumphs. The pandemic's impact has been multifaceted, leading to the loss of numerous members due to various reasons, including health-related incapacities and a diminished enthusiasm for re-engagement with our Valleys. This has, in turn, been exacerbated by the average age of our membership.

In the face of these immediate challenges, we have often found ourselves delegating responsibilities with minimal notice, which has resulted in a noticeable trend of members reading from scripts during their work.

However, it is important to acknowledge the resilience and dedication of those who have returned to the Rite. Their willingness to shoulder additional responsibilities has been instrumental in enabling the continuation of degrees that might have otherwise been suspended. Their efforts deserve our collective appreciation.

Encouragingly, we are witnessing a renewed interest in our Craft, with a growing influx of new members seeking further enlightenment through the Scottish Rite. This resurgence is evidenced by the successful hosting of Master Masons nights, Consistory Nights, and a plethora of activities ranging from Degree Teams to Fellowship Activities and Golf Tournaments. These events are attracting increasing participation and promise positive outcomes.

I am optimistic that we have turned a corner in the wake of the Covid Pandemic. There is a palpable sense of growth and renewal as we move forward.

## Valley of Hamilton

The business meeting with the Deputy was attended by fourteen members of the Leadership Teams from Lodge, Chapter, and Consistory, marking a commendable level of representation. It was particularly gratifying to witness the active participation and valuable contributions from the brethren, addressing ways to enhance the Scottish Rite experience for everyone involved. This Valley exhibits a distinctive character that sets it apart, a trait that may be absent or overlooked in other Valleys. Further details on this subject will be elaborated in the subsequent report.

Membership

The Valley of Hamilton continues to navigate through a period of decreased membership. This year's figures reflect a contraction, attributable to the lingering effects of the Covid pandemic and the demographic composition of our members. However, during our discussions, there was a consensus that we are witnessing a positive shift. Membership numbers are gradually approaching the pre-pandemic benchmark, although there remains progress to be made. Encouragingly, the anticipated increase in new members joining the Craft is contributing to this optimistic outlook.

Communications

As highlighted earlier in the report, the Valley of Hamilton distinguishes itself by upholding traditional practices, particularly in its communication methods. While not all correspondences are conducted in this manner, the Valley continues to send letters and notices via postal mail, especially when interacting with the Supreme Council. This approach, increasingly rare in an era dominated by email, adds a personal touch that is often lost in digital communication. Despite the shift towards quicker, more cost-effective methods like email and text messaging, there remains a distinct formality and personal connection associated with mailed letters, underscoring their value in formal communications. The Valley enhances the experience of the degrees by distributing Play Bills and Reunion Booklets. These materials not only augment the enjoyment of the ceremonies but also provide valuable information, including which Valley is presenting the degree and the names of the cast members involved. This practice contributes to a more engaging and informed participation for all attendees.

Fellowship

The Valley of Hamilton, home to the Scottish Rite Club, fosters a vibrant community spirit through its array of social activities, including club lunches, festive Christmas dinners, and golf tournaments among other events. These events are detailed in a specially crafted reunion booklet, ensuring all members are informed of upcoming Valley events. The Brethren's cordiality in greeting one another and guests encapsulates the essence of fellowship. Inviting other Valleys to confer degrees in Hamilton serves as an excellent means of maintaining connections and celebrating communal gatherings. The breakfast gatherings are abuzz with conversation, as Brethren, both local and visiting, engage in the degrees or participate as members of the Consistory class. The personal touch conveyed through mailed letters is mirrored in the warm reception extended to all upon their arrival at the Valley premises.

Guided by Ill. Bro. Mike Martin, 33°, the Education Committee diligently provides a diverse array of topics that contribute to the Masonic development of the brethren. The committee convenes consistently to plan forthcoming events, engage guest speakers and employs multiple communication channels, including Facebook, to guarantee extensive outreach.

The Valley benefits from the services of a dedicated chef operating within its facilities, providing the convenience of expertly prepared meals for Scottish Rite events. The noticeable decrease in ambient noise upon serving the meals is a testament to the quality and enjoyment of the culinary experience.

The Valley recently had the pleasure of presenting Long Service Awards, an event that had been postponed due to the pandemic. This occasion served as a heartfelt expression of gratitude towards the brethren for their enduring commitment and highlighted the community's eagerness to see them at meetings.

The tradition of honouring the guest speaker with a commemorative token is a distinctive practice of this Valley, exemplifying the dedication to upholding the ceremonial customs that distinguish our Scottish Rite.

The Valley of Hamilton is distinguished by the presence of its cathedral organ. The esteemed Ill. Bro. Frank Cammisuli, 33°, enhances the degrees with his musical talent, and it is truly extraordinary to witness the brethren unite in song during his performances.

Collaboration with Craft Lodges

The Valley of Hamilton consistently designates envoys to liaise with neighbouring Valleys and Craft Lodges. These envoys are tasked with sharing updates from Hamilton and gathering news on the activities within the broader Masonic community. This initiative has been well-received, as evidenced by the positive feedback from the Valley of Peterborough, where the value of such representation was openly acknowledged.

Towers Inc. plays a pivotal role in this network by ensuring seamless communication with the Hamilton Central Masonic Bureau. This connection is crucial for maintaining accurate membership records and streamlining communication across the Masonic Districts surrounding Hamilton.

Finances

Financially, the Valley is in a robust position. The Lodge of Perfection noted a minor issue regarding the adjustment of rates for Commutation Funds. This concern was met with prompt and collaborative problem-solving by the brethren. The business meeting was marked by a constructive ambiance as the Lodge, Chapter, and Consistory collectively brainstormed solutions. It was also confirmed that all reports would be submitted punctually within the year, aiding Supreme Council in making informed financial determinations.

Valley Improvement

The Valley's Improvement Plan is actively implemented, and the utilization of Action Registers has proven effective. Assigning tasks to individuals, complete with status updates and deadlines, has been instrumental in ensuring the completion of action items and in documenting innovative suggestions that arise.

The Provincial Deputies Checklist

The Valley has successfully submitted the Deputies Checklists for the annual review. Additionally, there have been proposals on enhancing both the checklists and the Health Assessment Tool to yield more profound insights into the Valley's operation.

Valley Concerns

Post-pandemic engagement levels within the Valley remain a primary focus. It's crucial that members actively engage, not only by serving as Officers and Degree Participants but also by consistently attending reunions. The Hamilton Valley Executive Committee (HVEC) has been instrumental in revitalizing these efforts.

The Valley is taking the appropriate steps to enhance the experience for the brethren. By delivering a compelling offering, the aim is to attract new members to the Scottish Rite and re-engage existing members in the meetings.

Summary

Visiting the Scottish Rite in Hamilton offers a cordial and brotherly atmosphere. The tradition of sending letters contributes to the grandeur and formality of the occasion. Upon arrival and throughout the degree, the brethren you encounter are sincerely delighted to welcome you, eager to engage and exchange stories. The Leadership is forward-thinking, actively taking steps today to secure the prosperity of the Scottish Rite and the Valley for the future.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to the esteemed Active Members: Ill. Bro. Steven Warren, 33°, Ill. Bro. Tom Wills, Ill. Bro. Rob Whitmore, 33° (regrets noted), along with The Thrice Puissant Grand Master Ill. Michael Martin, 33°, for preparing the essential documentation prior to our meeting. The Most Wise Sovereign Ill.

Bro. J. E. Denis Paquette, 33°, and The Commander in Chief Ill. Bro. D. Kenneth Laliberte, 33°. Additionally, my gratitude goes to Ill. Bro. Ken Adamson, 33°, and Ill. Bro. George Benton, 33°, for their dedicated efforts in ensuring the Valley operates seamlessly. Thanks also for the meticulous preparation for presenting the materials and the gracious reception extended to me during my Official Visit as a Deputy for Ontario are deeply appreciated.

## Valley of Kingston

On my Official Visit to the Valley of Kingston, 14 leadership members were in attendance. This visit took place in the afternoon, just before the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Valley. Before the evening meeting, a delightful meal was served, fostering a sense of camaraderie among the brethren. Notably, the level of support demonstrated by the leadership remains robust, and the strong bond among the brethren stands as a defining strength of this Valley. The documentation essential for the business meeting was meticulously prepared, contributing to the smooth flow of proceedings. During the meeting, ideas and a prevailing sense of positivity permeated the discussions.

### Membership

While overall membership declined in 2022, there was a slight increase in numbers within the Lodge—from 122 to 130. However, due to the Valley's two-year rotation, the same increase is not reflected in the Chapter; nevertheless, Chapter numbers have remained consistent.

There is a noticeable influx of new members joining the Craft in general, which should also impact the availability of members for the Scottish Rite. This year, 11 applications were presented for either new initiates or affiliate members to join the Valley. It is hoped that this positive trend in class size will continue well into the future. Currently, the average age in the Valley stands at 72.8, and it is aspired to lower this average through the addition of new younger members.

### Communications

Meeting notices serve as the primary channel of communication between the Valley and its members. However, it has been noted that not all members consistently read these notices, and many fail to retain them beyond the initial receipt. To address this, the following strategies are proposed:

Delegating Communications to a Dedicated Team:
Consider assigning a specialized team to handle the distribution of meeting notices. This team can focus on creating engaging and informative content that captures members' attention.
By streamlining this process, it is hoped to ensure that notices are promptly delivered and effectively reviewed.

Creating Notice-Worthy Content:
Transform meeting notices into something that members actively want to read and retain. Engaging visuals, concise summaries, and relevant information can make a significant difference.

Highlight important dates, key topics, and any updates that impact the brethren.

Assistant Involvement:
Utilize an assistant to manage this task. An assistant can dedicate time to crafting well-structured notices and ensuring their quality.
Additionally, the assistant can seek feedback from the brethren, ensuring that the content aligns with their preferences and needs.

Continuous Improvement:
Regularly assess the effectiveness of meeting notices. Solicit feedback from members and explore ways to enhance their impact.
Aim for a proactive approach, adapting to changing communication preferences and technological advancements.

Remember that effective communication is essential for fostering engagement and maintaining a strong sense of community within the Valley.

Fellowship

The Valley has been diligently focused on Covid recovery and ensuring that it possesses the necessary resources to conduct its degrees. Representatives from the Valley are strategically placed in the surrounding areas, providing reports on health and well-being. Given the geographic widespread nature of these areas, it is impractical for a single individual to be aware of all developments. Having representatives in each area contributes significantly to monitoring the welfare of the brethren.

As the class size grows for the upcoming year, there is an exciting prospect for increased fellowship beyond the formal degree work. Members from the previous class stepping in to assist may create additional opportunities for camaraderie and connection.

Collaboration with Craft Lodges

Valley members actively engage with Craft Lodges, ensuring that the surrounding Districts are well-informed about the Scottish Rite.

The Valley hosts Master Mason nights, and the investment in these events is yielding positive results. These evenings provide Masons with an opportunity to witness the inner workings of the Valley and the valuable lessons the Scottish Rite has to teach.

Finances

The Valley maintains vigilant oversight of the necessary funds for its ongoing operations, resulting in a financially stable organization. Guided by sound principles, the Valley ensures its continued prosperity.

Although the dues in this Valley have remained unchanged for some time, there is an anticipation that adjustments may be necessary within the next decade. Regular monitoring of the life fund ensures that it aligns with the changing membership needs.

Valley Improvement

A Valley Improvement Plan has been submitted. While ensuring the seamless operation of the Valley remains a top priority, there is a growing recognition of the value that updates to the plan can bring. Over the next year, efforts will be made to implement these updates, aligning with the Valley's strategic vision.

The Provincial Deputies Checklist

These essential documents were submitted alongside the business meeting materials. As a result of the checklist, several important items have been identified. These items have been brought forward to the Supreme Council for review:

Static Webpage on Supreme Council Website:
The Valley proposes getting assistance to have at least one dedicated web page on the Supreme Council website, since the Valley does not have the resource to create it themselves. This page would provide contact and meeting information for anyone interested and would show much better to younger members than Web Page Not Available.

Central Storage for Valley Documents:
Establishing a central storage area on the Supreme Council website where Valley members can securely store and share forms and other documentation. Access to this resource would require signing into the Supreme Council website to ensure proper security.

Social Media Assistance:
Currently, there is a shortage of younger members in the Valley who can assist with social media. With larger class sizes now emerging, it is hoped that younger members will step forward to contribute.

Valley Concerns

During the recent business meeting, the topic of the 80/20 principle was raised. This principle asserts that 80% of outcomes result from 20% of causes. Specifically, in this context, it means that 20% of individuals

are responsible for 80% of the work. While this distribution may be immediately efficient, it has led to some valid concerns.

Dependency on Key Individuals:
Currently, there are no backups or assistants in place. Consequently, if the primary person handling critical tasks were to be unavailable due to unforeseen circumstances, the workflow would suffer. The Valley recognizes the need for contingency planning to mitigate this risk.

Challenges in Knowledge Transfer:
Teaching someone new to take on these responsibilities could be time-consuming. However, the Valley must balance this against the long-term benefits of having a backup. Investing in knowledge transfer now will pay off in the future.

Compatibility and Collaboration:
Finding a compatible individual to work alongside the primary contributor is essential. A smooth flow of ideas and effective collaboration are crucial for sustained success.

Considering these concerns, the Valley remains optimistic. With the influx of new candidates, it is hoped to identify capable individuals who can support the heaviest positions within the organization.

Summary
I am pleased to report that the Valley remains financially robust. As the journey continues, active ways to expand the membership continue. By doing so, the aim is to equitably distribute the workload among the brethren.

I take this opportunity to Thank the Active Member, Ill. Bro. Stephen Hannah, 33°, The Thrice Puissant Grand Master, Ill. Bro. David Rogers, 32°, The Most Wise Sovereign, Ill. Bro. Jeffrey Gatcke, 32° for their active participation in the business meeting, the work put in to ensure that the requested documentation was provided ahead of the meeting, for the preparation done to ensure the material was well presented and the warm reception provided to me on this my Official Visit as a Deputy for Ontario.

## Valley of Ottawa

We were fortunate to have both the Official Visit from the Sovereign Grand Commander and the Deputy Official Visit to the Valley of Ottawa, hosted by the Murray Chapter Rose Croix, occur simultaneously. A total of 43 Brethren attended the Official Visit, and many of them took the opportunity to provide updates to the Sovereign Grand Commander regarding the Valley's operations and the progress made in preparing for the Supreme Council 2024 Sessions in our Valley.

This convergence of visits allowed us to share valuable insights and strengthen our bonds within the Scottish Rite community. We look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts and hosting a successful Supreme Council session in September 2024.

Membership
The Valley has experienced a more modest decline this year compared to recent previous years. We express our gratitude for the slowdown in membership losses, and we are encouraged by the gradual return to pre-pandemic attendance levels. Our membership eagerly anticipates a return to the full degree schedule for the upcoming new year.

While progress is evident, we continue to face challenges in filling cast roles for the mandatory degrees. However, there is hope due to the recent participation of our latest class and an increase in new class sizes. As new members embrace additional opportunities within the Valley, we remain optimistic about our future.

Furthermore, as mentioned, we observe a slight uptick in class sizes for the current year and the next, signalling a positive shift as we emerge from the pandemic slump and transition toward more regular operations.

Communications

Our communication with the districts remains robust, extending to those nearest to the Valley. This ensures that our brethren are well-informed about upcoming Valley events. Here are some key practices we've implemented:

Teasers: Prior to each meeting, we send out reminders (or "teasers") to ensure brethren are aware of the upcoming gatherings. These messages provide a glimpse of what awaits them when they attend.

Playbills: Over the past several years, we've utilized playbills to enhance our degree ceremonies.

Pre and Post Degree Explanations: During the opening and closing of various degrees, the Class Honouree delivers pre- and post-degree explanations to the seated class.

Summonses: Summonses continue to be sent out by the Executive Secretary along with his Calendar which shows event dates/times, director information, phone numbers and dress.

Fellowship

It was a great pleasure that members from the Valley of Peterborough and the Valley of Kingston made the journey to join during the Sovereign Grand Commander's visit. The spirit of fellowship resonates across our Valleys, with brethren traveling to participate in missed degrees from Kingston and Montreal this year.

In this Valley, they foster camaraderie by providing a light repast before each degree night, entirely free of charge for the brethren. This initiative has drawn an average of approximately 40 members to each of these events.

Throughout this year's Official and Fraternal visits to Valleys, I've been fortunate to have traveling companions who expressed their delight and eagerness to do more. These interactions have allowed the members to forge new friendships, witness diverse approaches to degree performances, and even harmonize in choirs.

As a result, the connections between Valleys have grown stronger and more meaningful.

Collaboration with Craft Lodges

Outreach Efforts: Ill. Bro. John Guinn, 33°, plays a pivotal role during the DDGM Official Visits in Ottawa District 1. He informs brethren about the Scottish Rite and extends invitations to join our Valley. Additionally, members in other districts—Ottawa District 2, Frontenac, St. Lawrence, Eastern, and Quebec—are actively engaged in similar efforts. Their promotion and support contribute significantly to our shared success.

Recently, a group of Scottish Rite members participated in a Craft Lodge meeting held in Kemptville. After the Lodge's formal closure, an engaging slide show from the Supreme Council was presented and discussed. During this interactive session, the AASR (Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite) members adorned costumes and were formally introduced into the Lodge. They took the opportunity to meet and greet the brethren, providing a brief description of their respective roles within the Scottish Rite.

The reception was overwhelmingly positive, and brethren greatly appreciated this opportunity to delve deeper into the rich traditions and practices of the Scottish Rite.

Finances

The Valley of Ottawa maintains financial strength, despite the challenges faced by many Valleys, where member dues fall short of covering expenses. The Valley's prudent approach allows it to draw from investment funds. Remarkably, even with these withdrawals, the investment fund continues to flourish year after year.

The vigilance of the Treasurer and Trustees in monitoring the Valley's financial health is crucial. Their regular reports during Executive Meetings provide transparency on the balances and the strategic allocation of funds. This diligent oversight ensures the Valley's stability and sustainable growth.

Valley Improvement

The Valley Improvement Plan undergoes regular updates, ensuring its relevance and effectiveness. One of its key benefits lies in facilitating communication with our membership. By reaching out to those assigned to specific action items, we gather valuable updates and maintain a proactive approach to our goals.

The Provincial Deputies Checklist

The provided checklist and forms are actively used by ensuring that all items have been updated. The ongoing review of these checklists, aimed at enhancing the Supreme Council's ability to collect relevant details, is a positive step.

The 10 questions serve as a valuable catalyst for discussions around a variety of topics. By addressing these questions, we create opportunities to explore ways to enhance the experience for all members. Open dialogue within the Supreme Council can lead to meaningful improvements and a more inclusive and supportive environment.

Valley Concerns

In light of the challenges posed by the pandemic and the gradual resumption of activities, we have observed an increased demand for brethren to step in and fill various roles during our degrees. We extend heartfelt gratitude to those members who willingly jump in at the last minute to assist.

However, a consequence of this situation is that more brethren are reading their parts during the ceremonies. These impromptu readings, while necessary, may inadvertently convey the impression that reading is the standard practice for our work—a message that does not align with our desired approach.

To address this, we are actively collaborating with our membership to minimize reliance on reading and emphasize the importance of memorization and fluency in our ritual work. We remain optimistic that the influx of new and younger members will contribute to positive changes as we continue our Scottish Rite journey.

Summary

The leadership team of the Valley of Ottawa is commendably strong, demonstrating clear direction and unwavering commitment to their goals. Their relentless efforts are focused on enhancing the membership experience.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the following distinguished individuals for their pivotal roles in ensuring the Valley's smooth operation:
Ill. Bro. Jeff Christie, 33° - Executive Secretary
Ill. Bro. Jeff Noseworthy, 33° - Grand Treasurer
Ill. Bro. Wayne Parker, 33° - Thrice Puissant Grand Master
Ill. Bro. Jeff Noseworthy, 33° - Most Wise Sovereign
Ill. Bro. JF Legault, 32° - Commander in Chief

Their meticulous work includes providing requested documentation ahead of meetings, meticulous preparation for well-presented materials, and warmly welcoming the Sovereign Grand Commander and myself during the Official Visit.

Additionally, I acknowledge the efforts of Ill. Bro. Ken Brinston, 33°, and Ill. Bro. Jeff Noseworthy, 33°, in elevating the profile of the Murray Chapter of Rose Croix. Ill. Bro. John Lark, 33°, has been an invaluable asset to the Valley across various domains, but most especially in his invaluable contributions to his being Chairman of our 2024 Supreme Council Sessions.

Together, this dedicated team ensures the Valley's continued success and enriches the experience for all members.

## Valley of Peterborough

On my recent Official Visit to Peterborough, the event, held on Friday/Saturday, was a success, with 63 members in attendance—a significant increase from the previous year.

The atmosphere throughout the day was charged with optimism as we witnessed the conferral of the Lodge of Perfection degrees. It was heartening to see new members stepping into roles within the Valley. Equally noteworthy is the interest from men applying to join our Masonic Lodges.

The business meeting took place in the downstairs area of the building. The Secretary/Registrar and the Active Member of the Valley provided insightful answers to my inquiries, which further fuelled our positive momentum.

### Membership

The membership numbers have experienced a decline compared to last year. However, it's important to note that this decrease is significantly smaller than in previous years.

Ill. Bro. Kevin Fudge, 33°, leads the Membership Committee, demonstrating a commitment to addressing this challenge using various strategies:

Master Mason Night: On May 14, 2024, the Valley will host a Master Mason Night—an initiative that has yielded positive results in the past, a similar outcome is expected this time.

The Valley has organized several events aimed at generating interest and promoting membership. Details of these events will be elaborated upon later in this report.

While exit interviews are not currently being conducted due to other pressing matters, there is genuine interest in implementing them. As the Valley moves forward and streamlines operations, exit interviews will become an integral part of the assessment process.

### Communications

Email communication within the Valley is functioning effectively. Pre and Post Degrees Explanations are under review for their practical application. Playbills are provided to brethren for each degree.

Communication between different Valleys is working well. The Valley of Toronto is expected to attend the 7th degree during the fall reunion.

Emails are sent out across Ontario and Quebec to encourage maximum participation in the Golf Tournament.

The website is being updated and is functioning better.

Database creation / use is currently in progress and SCO office has positively responded to the request for information dumping, which will benefit the Valley.

Zoom is utilized to facilitate meeting participation for brethren who cannot attend in person.

A reunion book is created for each reunion. It includes information on upcoming reunions, events, Long Service details, upcoming degrees and certificates, messages from Valley Leadership, and advertisements for upcoming events.

### Fellowship

The Valley Lodge boasts an active social calendar, featuring a variety of engaging events for members.

The regular Coffee Club gatherings provide an opportunity for brethren to connect, share ideas, and enjoy camaraderie.

Enthusiasts can look forward to an upcoming Scotch Tasting event, where the rich flavors of this beloved spirit will be explored.

A family-friendly barbecue is on the horizon, offering a chance for members and their loved ones to come together in a relaxed setting.

August 9, 2024 Golf, this significant event not only brings brethren together but also raises awareness for Learning Centres.

In addition to these above events, the Valley recently celebrated two momentous milestones:

Both the Lodge of Perfection and Chapter Rose Croix have, or will, reach their centenary marks. An invitation was extended across Ontario to commemorate these anniversaries. During the celebration, the Sovereign Grand Commander was admitted as an Honorary Member of the Valley.

Congratulations to Ill. Bro. Leigh Winfield, 33°, on his appointment as the Class Honouree. Naming a class in his honour reflects the unwavering support he has provided to his brethren and the Valley.

Collaboration with Craft Lodges

Peterborough is fortunate to have three Current District Deputy Grand Masters (DDGMs) as members. Their presence significantly aids in disseminating messages to the Craft Lodges. Additionally, the Valley effectively utilizes space in Lodge Summonses to make important announcements to the local Lodges.

The dedicated Degree Team has been actively performing degrees. So far, two degrees have been successfully performed, and there is another one scheduled for October.

The collaborative efforts of the brethren and the commitment to Masonic excellence continue to strengthen the Valley.

Finances

The brethren have demonstrated exceptional commitment to ensuring timely returns. Notably, there has been a recent change in the Office of Treasurer, and congratulations are extended to Ill. Bro. Bill Lee, 32°, for stepping up to this important role. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ill. Bro. John Scott, 32°, who has experienced a stroke. We express our gratitude for his years of dedicated service to the Valley.

Financial matters have been well managed, thanks in part to the diligent efforts of Ill. Bro. Leigh Winfield, 33°. His foresight in recognizing the need for an updated financial schedule has been proved insightful. The Valley appreciated your unwavering dedication to the task, Leigh!

Valley Improvement Plan

The Valley Improvement Plan is more than a set of guidelines; it is a commitment to continuous improvement and a testament to the community's resolve to create a thriving, sustainable future for all its members. Peterborough Valley is using and updating their VIP.

The Provincial Deputies Checklist

The Checklist indicates only 2 items not in use – Degree Music although not currently in use, the Valley acknowledges its presence. The accomplished Organist, Ill. Bro. Robert T. Watson, 33°, performs live during the degrees. The addition of music, accompanied by a Choir, led by Ill. Bro. Lyn Lowry, 33°, enhances the overall experience for everyone involved.

Education Committee while there may not be a formal committee established, the Valley benefits from educational presentations from Ill. Bro. Kevin Fudge, 33°, among others, who share wisdom and knowledge with the Valley members. These presentations contribute to the growth and enrichment of the membership.

Valley Concerns

The challenges faced by the membership stemming from the pandemic are significant, and I appreciate the dedication to finding solutions.

The pandemic has led to a loss of members, making it challenging to find individuals to perform degree work. It's commendable that new members are stepping up to take on parts in degrees. The work being

assigned, of necessity on occasion, is on short notice, resulting in parts having to be read. While not ideal for the Candidates or Actors their efforts in taking on this work is appreciated and will no doubt improve over time.

The loss of long-standing members affects not only the degree work but also the choir.

Smaller class sizes due to fewer new members can be challenging. However, a positive sign is that the Masonic Base is gradually increasing.

Ensuring efficient administration and role fulfilment is crucial. Active participation and collaboration are encouraged in the Valley.

Summary

This is a strong Valley as evidenced by the level of attendance at my Official Visit. Attendance is only one measure, the Valley has good Leadership, strong and willing members who are putting forward great ideas on how to improve. I am grateful for the support of the Valley Leadership in my Role as Deputy for Ontario.

My Thanks and Appreciation are extended to all who contributed to this effort including Active Member Ill. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33° - Grand Chancellor Supreme Council, Grand Secretary/Registrar Ill. Bro. Ron McMillan, 33°, Ill. Bro. Mark J. Smith, 32°, Thrice Puissant Grand Master, Ill. Bro. Ian D. McKenzie, 32°, Most Wise Sovereign and their officers.

Conclusion

I am honoured to extend my deepest gratitude to the esteemed members of the Supreme Council Office Staff and Supreme Council Officers for their unwavering support throughout the past year. The frequent correspondence, telephonic conversations, requests for dispensations, and numerous meetings have been instrumental in enabling me to fulfil my responsibilities with utmost diligence. Your support and assistance have been indispensable to my success. Serving as the Deputy of Ontario has been a profoundly rewarding experience, and it is with sincere appreciation that I acknowledge your significant contribution to this journey.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald J. Taylor, 33°
Deputy for Ontario

## Report of the Deputy for **ONTARIO** **(Jeffrey R. Dickson)**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers, and Brethren:

Introduction

It continues to be a significant privilege to be able to serve this Supreme Council in the capacity of Deputy for Ontario. As such, I am pleased to report on the state of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the Ontario Valleys of Woodstock, Toronto, Niagara, and Guelph.

These Valleys remain aware of (with appropriate caution) the state of their membership and finances in the post Covid era, but there is a persistent attitude of excitement and rejuvenation as they were able to continue to gather and meet in-person, as well as carry on their cherished Masonic activities, particularly those of the Scottish Rite variety.

Congratulations to all Scottish Rite Brethren across Canada for their unrelenting determination and devotion to our fraternity, especially those resolute leaders who continue to guide their respective Valleys.

## Valley of Woodstock

The Deputy Official Visit (OV) to Woodstock Valley was on January 27, 2024; a subsequent in-person meeting with the SLT took place on March 25, 2024 as part of the Sovereign Grand Commander's OV with approx. 20 participants. As per the Report Template, and the Provincial Deputies Checklist, the following is a summary of these meetings and the state of Scottish Rite in this Valley.

Membership (end of 2022)
Lodge of Perfection (Warrant – 1955) = 257
Centennial Chapter of Rose Croix (Warrant – 1966) = 209

Membership is of concern to the SLT in that the Lodge and the Chapter are each experiencing a decline. However, and although the pandemic was not kind to this statistic, they have accepted new members and are optimistic that this will continue.

The return to typical Scottish Rite has been positive with many of the degrees again being conferred. Valley members continue to visit local Craft Lodges, where interest is quite positive, to make presentations about Scottish Rite to educate Master Masons.

Communications
The shift to communication with the Membership by electronic means remains very encouraging; there is only about 10% of the members who do not receive information via email, but there is no tracking system in place to confirm emails opened and read. The Valley has a minimum of 2 Notices per year; one in late summer and an update in early spring. "The Luminary" created by Ill. Bro. Findlater, 33°, continues to be published four times annually and serves to connect the Valley in particular, and Scottish Rite in general (via the Supreme Council (SC) website).

Senior Leadership Team (SLT)
The SC members and primary Officers of the Lodge and Chapter form the SLT in Woodstock Valley. This SLT manages all the initiatives for and organizes the Valley's events. The Team persistently works to ensure the Valley is successful, particularly with the conferral of degrees to the benefit of its Candidates.

Lodge and the Chapter Officer progression remain a concern in this Valley, and it is confronted to seek Brethren both intrigued by and capable of being in the Officer Line. The majority of the Officers of the Lodge are proceeding for the first time; but the Chapter tends to have some offices occupied by past Officers.

Education & Enlightenment
Commencing in September, degrees are conferred throughout the course of the year with the Lodge and Chapter; it is unsure if there will be a return to Reunions as in the past. Degree Explanations and Playbills are being used; it was requested if changes could be made to the template for printing so that the margins are not cut-off? Candidates are provided with a package of Scottish Rite publications upon completion of the 14th and the 18th degrees. As the Valley does not have an Organist, the SLT was reminded of the mp3 format music files available off the SC website.

Valley Fellowship
Scottish Rite as well as other Fellowship activities continue to gain momentum in Woodstock. The Installation of Officers was once again a successful and well attended Open Ceremony that allowed family and friends to be present and was followed by a dinner at a nearby restaurant; this and other social events are well received. The Valley consistently ensures there is a social time after each Lodge and the Chapter meeting. Most recently, the Valley recognized our SC's 150th Anniversary with a celebration in May 2024 dubbed "Coffee with King Solomon and Friends"; in addition to a history of our SC, it included (Ritual Committee approved) excerpts of the 10th degree.

Uniqueness of Valley
The County of Oxford is the main catchment area for this Valley, as well as parts of Norfolk and Elgin Counties. Woodstock is essentially situated near the centroid of Oxford so that travel to the Masonic Centre from its perimeter is well under an hour.

Craft Lodge Initiatives
The SLT is aware of the "Welcome to Scottish Rite Freemasonry" power point presentation; it was suggested it be presented at a future Master Mason Event. To that end, the recent May 2024 "Coffee with King Solomon and Friends" event was treated as a Master Mason Meeting; it is hoped another one will be scheduled in the near future.

Craft Lodge Summons can allocate 25% to "other" content; Scottish Rite Meetings can be promoted therein as a means to remind current members of an upcoming meeting and attract new ones. Woodstock continues to use a brochure it created to promote Scottish Rite; this printed resource is another Craft Lodge initiative.

Financial Health
Previous monetary minded members in this Valley, with the input from the current SLT, has Woodstock in a very stable financial position at present. However, as expenses return to normal, it is unsure whether investment income will be adequate to cover costs. New members who join each body pay dues which are commuted for life; the commuted dues Fund is compliant with the Statutes and Regulations.

Valley Improvement Plan (VIP)
The Valley has an informal VIP prepared by its Committee on Guidance and Improvement; this 2019 document was to be given a post-mortem in June 2023. The SLT was reminded about the template available (as a guide) on the SC website; this resource will have items/parts that can be used to bolster the current VIP.

General Comments
The dedication and endeavours of the members of the SLT are commended. Although there will be continued time and effort spent, and still more work to do, it will serve this Valley well and go a long way towards ensuring its future success. Appreciation is also extended to Ill. Bro. Pratt, 33° - Grand Secretary/Registrar for his support.

It was stated that the status quo in Woodstock was getting harder to maintain, and like other Valleys, many Scottish Riters were expending too little in support of and attendance at this Valley's events and degrees in proportion to the variety of duties and tasks that need to be performed in order to successfully portray its various degrees.

Best wishes are extended to the brethren of Woodstock Valley for continued success in all their Scottish Rite endeavours; I look forward future visits.

## Valley of Toronto

After the Official Visit to Toronto Valley on February 13, 2024, a virtual meeting with the SLT took place on February 27, with 12 participants. As per the Report Template, and the Provincial Deputies Checklist, the following is a summary of that meeting.

Membership (end of 2023)
Grand Lodge of Perfection (Warrant – 1878) = 1,289 (reduction of 9 from 2022)
Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix (Warrant – 1873) = 1,062 (reduction of 17 from 2022)

The positive momentum wrt membership in each body from 2022-23 continues; the fall 2023 Lodge and winter 2024 Chapter classes were double digits; and the May 2024 Reunion class was in excess of 30. To that end, and though deaths, withdrawals and suspensions compared to applications, affiliations and restorations are of concern, this large class is encouraging. The ongoing review of incoming data to produce accurate membership numbers continues and is being attended to.

Communications

The Valley communicates with its membership primarily via electronic means; approx. 1,000 members receive information by email as the only medium. Now that the Valley is reverting to a Reunion format, Notices will no doubt change somewhat. Regardless, events are promoted (including Special Events) via an email blast to the members including reminders a day or so in advance; there is no tracking to determine if emails are opened/read. Toronto Valley maintains a user-friendly and informative website with various links to the Supreme Council (SC) of Canada and Charitable Foundation, etc.; it also contains detailed information about the Lodge and the Chapter, the A&ASR "The Masonic Journey Continues" video, as well as a linkable Valley calendar.

The Valley has a regular newsletter issued at least twice each year to promote events and activities; the Valley also uses Facebook. Although the "Care and Contact Committee" is responsible for out-reach including visitations, its primary focus is to recognize and honour the 'long service' milestones of its Valley's Brethren.

Senior Leadership Team (SLT)

A number of Committees attend to the operation of the Valley, the primary one being Advisory Council. Other committees include but are not limited to: Membership; Officer Nomination; Reunion; 150th Anniversary; Benevolence; Chairman of the Work; etc.

The SLT and the Officers implement the varied undertakings of the Valley with the main focus being the successful portrayal of each of the degrees for the Candidates. Of note is also the high percentage of this Valley's membership that become (and remain) engaged in their Valley and its activities.

Education & Enlightenment

Playbills and Explanations are used by Degree Directors; Candidates are given a package containing material relative to every degree in the Lodge and Chapter, plus a History of the Valley. A local Research Society continues to lecture (occasionally) to the Lodge and/or the Chapter; sometimes at the Valley's "Night at the Rite" events.

The Lodge currently uses the music available from the SC website; but the Chapter has an Organist. The SLT is also very familiar with the "Library" section of the SC website, as well as its plethora of other resources and information.

Valley Fellowship

The Valley continues to host Luncheons and/or Dinners as part of milestone degrees in each body and is managing the ongoing Caterer situation. The Valley will host summer BBQs again in 2024. On the heels of recognizing the 150th Anniversary of the Toronto Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix in 2023, the Valley hosted more successful events this past year. Namely, an Annual Officers Dinner and Social in November 2023, and more recently, a celebration of Supreme Council's 150th Anniversary in May 2024.

Monthly "Nite at the Rite" events, as well as the popular Inter-Valley or "cloverleaf" visits (a Toronto cast goes to another Valley or visa-versa) continue. Toronto Valley has also been portraying the 21st degree at Moore Sovereign Consistory for about 60 years!

Uniqueness of Valley

Toronto has an extremely densely populated coverage area (the GTA) and the largest Lodge and Chapter membership in Canada; this Valley is ethnically unique and diverse. This Valley publishes a yearly "Directory"; a pocketbook listing ALL members of SC; Life Members; Officers; Past Presiding Officers; Committees; Directors; and Degrees, Events & Meetings. its who are attracted to further light in Masonry.

The entire Valley consistently values and applauds their "Men In Black"; the Brethren who attend to the majority of the labour wrt to staging, robing, set-up and take-down.

Craft Lodge Initiatives

An enthusiastic Membership Committee which oversees outreach into the Masonic community continues to see success due to many Valley Brethren who regularly attend their respective Craft Lodge (about 90

Craft Lodges are in the GTA and 7 meet at the York Temple). This Committee engages with Master Masons who seek further light in Masonry. To that end, another Master Mason Event is planned for late May 2024 when a portion of the 16th degree will be given in full costume.

Financial Health
The Valley is in very stable financial condition and maintains commuted for life dues for both bodies in compliance with Regulation 10. Rent continues to be the major expense, but some costs are relatively "fixed" which assists with the ongoing management of expenditures; expenses are generally covered off by new membership fees.

The Valley remains vigilant of membership numbers (present and future) and continues to operate and maintain four main portfolios under a recent new Fund Manager; Ill. Bro. Skinner is recognized for his efforts on behalf of the Valley.

Valley Improvement Plan (VIP)
The Toronto VIP and related Action Register have evolved over the past few years; are recognized as a "work-in-progress"; and are reported on, reviewed, and revised at the semi-annual Advisory Council meeting. The Valley has purchased a Scottish Rite (pop up) Banner for use at special events (i.e., Master Mason Nights). The Valley By-laws have been amended and are almost ready to forward to the SC Office for review.

General Comments
The Valley's return to normal has been very positive and well received by the brethren. The Lodge and the Chapter are back to their respective normal level of activity and conferral of successful degrees. The diligent Leaders of this Valley recognize that the brethren need to continue to enjoy Masonry, so having "fun" is paramount!

The Officer Committee has each body in good stead and continues to select and produce devoted principal Officers; the work of the SLT is apparent and to be admired for its ongoing effort; these two groups are duly noted and appreciated.

Best wishes are extended to the brethren of Toronto Valley for continued success in all their Scottish Rite endeavours; I look forward future visits.

## Valley of Niagara

The Official Visit to Niagara Valley was on April 18, 2024 for the Installation of Officers of the Lodge and Chapter; prior to it an in-person meeting took place with the SLT with 11 participants. As per the Report Template, and the Provincial Deputies Checklist, the following is a summary of that meeting and the state of Scottish Rite in this Valley.

Membership (end of 2023)
Elgin Lodge of Perfection (Warrant – 1923) = 321 (reduction of 7 from 2022)
Chapter of Rose Croix (Warrant – 1955) = 260 (reduction of 14 from 2022)

The Lodge and Chapter had a good-sized class in 2023 and numbers look decent for 2024. However, deaths, withdrawals and suspensions have membership down in each body and this remains of concern to the SLT and its impact on the Valley's future health; some of this is attributed to fewer Craft Lodges in Niagara A & B Districts.

Communications
Communication has shifted to primarily electronic means and reminders are also issued prior to each meeting and event in an effort to improve attendance. A detailed shared Degree Schedule for both bodies is issued well in advance of the commencement of the September start-up. The response to email continues to be positive with over 60% of its members signed up and efforts continue to try to increase this percentage; the Valley uses a tracking system (MailChimp) to determine success.

"The Rite News Niagara" is the latest tool to connect with the membership of the Valley; the inaugural Issue 1 was released in February 2024. Going forward, Minutes will soon be emailed to the members to expedite the business portion of the meetings.

Senior Leadership Team (SLT)

Officers of the Lodge and the Chapter, the Active, and other Supreme Council (SC) members form the Niagara SLT which provides overall planning of the events and programs for this Valley. The members of the SLT remain engaged to ensure that the activities of the Valley, not the least of which is the portrayal of every degree in the Lodge and the Chapter for the benefit of the Candidates, are profound and profitable.

The Officer Support Committee continues to assist with Officer progression by managing the line in each body. It is tested seeking skilled and willing Brethren, some from the class, prepared to take on Officer duties, and to dedicate the required time and effort. The Committee has been successful within the Lodge but faces challenges with the Chapter. Past Officers are supportive and fill in when and if needed and there have been past TPGM's agree to join and go through the Chapter Officer line.

Education & Enlightenment

The Degree Playbills are used by the Directors and the Valley has returned to using the Pre and Post Explanation Introduction and Summary after each degree so that the Candidates are more enlightened about what they just witnessed.

Candidates are provided with the booklets entitled "The Lectures of the Degrees of the Lodge of Perfection" and "The Essence of the Degrees of the Chapter if Rose Croix".

Valley Fellowship

The Lodge and the Chapter each host a Reunion Dinner and typically there is a guest speaker as part of each of these events; there is also a Dinner for at least one of the Valley Executive meetings. The Valley is expected to host a summer BBQ again in 2024 as well as its yearly Ladies Night; all social events are well received and attended.

A social time follows each meeting (hosted by the JGW and/or 2nd General). As this Valley portrays every degree that the Lodge and the Chapter offer, this regular fellowship provides ample opportunity for the membership to socialize, as well as offering the candidates a forum to get to know the members of their new Valley better.

Uniqueness of Valley

Geographically, the Niagara Peninsula is a reasonably well-defined area bordered by the US to the east and a Great Lake to the north and south. As such, this delineates (for the most part) the contributing area from which the Valley is able to draw members. Furthermore, and compared to other Valleys (especially in northern Ontario), it is not an unreasonable travel distance from almost anywhere in Niagara District A or B to the Scottish Rite Centre on Geneva Street in St. Catharines. For those members who choose to carry on to a Consistory, Hamilton is also nearby.

Craft Lodge Initiatives

This Valley has a Craft Degree Team(s) that remains active. This Scottish Rite program, and its Teams, have been of benefit by contributing to gaining new members for the Valley, as well as serving and helping bring the Craft Lodges in Districts A & B closer together. This venue would be an ideal occasion to share the "Welcome to Scottish Rite Freemasonry" presentation as Masonic education. These events are promoted and sent to the members via an email blast which often includes a link to the Cast List in an effort to fill vacancies.

It is also desired that the former "Ambassador Program", that saw a Valley member serve as a "representative" in every Craft Lodge in each Niagara District, be revitalized.

Financial Health

The current SLT, in combination with the vision of previous monetary minded members in this Valley, has Niagara in a very stable financial position. This will serve the Valley well, especially as expenses return to

pre-pandemic levels; investment income continues to the adequate. Arrears of dues continue to be a priority and have been tackled by the Secretary/Registrar and Treasurer. New members pay commuted for life dues, and this Fund is compliant with the Statutes and Regulations.

Valley Improvement Plan (VIP)
Niagara's 'informal' VIP is regularly discussed at Executive Meetings and proved to be of value as the Valley re-built post Covid. The Officer Support Committee is being successful and remains busy with the new Officers. The Lodge and the Chapter are once again conferring ALL of the degrees. The Valley has once again secured an Organist (from the neighbouring Valley).

Like most Valleys, the status quo is hard to uphold; many Scottish Riters expend too little in support of and attending their events in proportion to the many duties and tasks that need to be performed to successfully operate and portray all of the degrees.

General Comments
Appreciation is extended to Niagara Valley for all of the courtesies afforded to the Sovereign Grand Commander and the Deputy this past year. The Executive and SLT continue to work hard to ensure the success of their Valley; they are applauded for their effort towards constant enhancement of Scottish Rite Freemasonry therein.

Uncertainty continues for the Lodge and Chapter as the owner of the property is still looking to "develop" the site, or to "sell it" for same. As such, a re-location strategy has been developed to address this, and alternate facilities are being investigated.

Best wishes are extended to the brethren of Niagara Valley for continued success in all their Scottish Rite endeavours; I look forward future visits.

## Valley of Guelph

The Official Visit to Guelph Valley was on October 25, 2023; a subsequent virtual meeting with the SLT took place on December 6, 2023 with 8 participants. As per the Report Template, and the Provincial Deputies Checklist, the following is a summary of these meetings and the state of Scottish Rite in this Valley.

Membership (end of 2023)
Royal City Lodge of Perfection (Warrant – 1884) = 270 (reduction of 2 from 2022)
Chapter of Rose Croix (Warrant – 1900) = 255 (reduction of 2 from 2022)

Overall membership was minimally impacted due to deaths and demits, and it is most encouraging that the Lodge and the Chapter each had a class of 11 candidates in 2023-24. Furthermore, applications for the Lodge for the fall of 2024 is also 11.

The senior Officers in each body, as well as the SLT, persevere and investigate ways to encourage and achieve more involvement of the existing and new members with the officer lines, casts, and behind the scenes support for the various degrees.

Communications
The primary mode of communication is electronic; approx. 65% of the members receive emailed Notices and correspondence; it is hoped to continue to increase this number. Meeting reminders are also issued electronically; however, there is no tracking system to know how many emails are opened and/or read.

There is at minimum one annual mailing of a printed Notice c/w the Yearly Schedule, which is issued (via mail or email) at the beginning of the year with a dues invoice; a card is issued once payment is received. On occasion, phone calls are used to communicate with the brethren not on email.

Senior Leadership Team (SLT)

The Valley operates under the guidance of an Administrative Council, which oversees the Valley's activities and initiatives; it consists of a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and the Active Member. The Council along with the two Presiding Officers, next-in-line senior Officer in each body, Grand Secretary/Registrar, and Grand Treasurer compose the SLT. In addition to scheduled Valley Meetings, the SLT met virtually (on more than one occasion) to avoid travel, especially during inclement (winter) weather.

The SLT continues to execute the activities of the Valley, and oversees the conferral of the degrees, primarily to benefit the Candidates. The Valley held its annual Election at the end of April; Installation (both bodies) and a Ballot will be held at the end of May.

The Council and the SLT continue to be concerned with the low number of members (in each body) that regularly engage in the operation of the Valley as it relates to the Officer line and degree cast participation, including but not limited to all of the tasks (time and effort) that are required before, during, and after degree conferrals.

The status quo is hard to maintain, and like other Valleys, many Scottish Riters expend too little in support of and attendance at their Valley events in proportion to the variety of duties and tasks that need to be performed (duties we are obliged as Masons to do) in order to successfully portray our various degrees.

Education & Enlightenment

Most Degree Directors use the Playbills and Explanations developed by the Education & Enlightenment Committee. Reading the Explanation Introduction prior to and the Summary upon completion of each degree would be of value to the Candidates.

A Drop-Box exists for Directors to archive Cast Lists, etc.; this continues to grow in content and is of value to Valley in general, and the Directors in particular. Playbills, Explanations, and Rituals have also been uploaded and stored here for easier access.

Valley Fellowship

Valley fellowship activities are back to pre-Covid frequency and the JGW and 2nd General continue to regularly host a social time following each meeting. The summer BBQ was held in Hanover in 2023 as it will in 2024. The Honorary Inspectors-General are again hosting a Ladies Event in 2024. All social events are well received. Dispensation was again secured to have a breakfast and allow family and friends to attend the on Easter Sunday Re-lighting Ceremony. The Valley will also be hosting an event to recognize and celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Supreme Council.

Uniqueness of Valley

The large geographic coverage area of the Valley is unique and presents challenges wrt driving distance, especially during the inclement winter months. Guelph being located at the south end of the Valley, the travel time required by the members from the north (some over 2 hours) is recognized and appreciated.

Craft Lodge Initiatives

The Valley hosted a Master Masons Morning in April 2024 to raise awareness about Scottish Rite for the Craft Lodges that support the Valley with candidates; it is hoped to have another event in 2025. Parts of a Masonic Play entitled "Towards the Light" (approved by the Ritual Committee) was presented and well received, as was the "Welcome to Scottish Rite Freemasonry" power point presentation.

Financial Health

The Valley remains in stable financial condition; however, it is known that there will soon be an increase in the annual assessment levied to the Lodge and the Chapter (as well as the other Masonic bodies) by the local Temple Corporation.

Arrears of dues have been attended to and alleviated by the Grand Secretary/Registrar and the Grand Treasurer. To that end, and to proactively address the above levy, there will be an increase the annual dues for each body in 2025.

Valley Improvement Plan (VIP)
The Valley of Guelph has a “draft” VIP; however, it requires review by the SLT, as well as feedback, as it continues to be developed. This will require some dedicated time and effort to realize its full potential.

General Comments
Parking continues to be an issue for the Lodge and Chapter with the removal of the Baker Street Parking Lot; however, the re-construction of Chapel Lane is complete.

An Officer Progression Committee would be a valuable resource to attempt to alleviate some of the vacancies in the Officer lines.

The hard work of the Council and the SLT with respect to the ongoing operation of the Valley is duly noted and appreciated; there has been recognized and continual advancement.

Closing
In closing, I extend to the Grand Secretary-General, Ill. Bro. Terry A. McLean, 33°, as well as the other Ontario Deputies, my gratefulness for his and their support and sage counsel.

Sincere gratitude is also extended to the Supreme Council office staff in the persons of Ill. Bro. Steven Warren, 33° (C.O.O.), Ms. Leslie Drake (Office & Finance Administrator), and Ms. Barb Lee (Office Administrator) for their generous assistance and guidance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
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Report of the Deputy for
**ONTARIO**
**(Richard E. Jones)**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers, and Brethren:

I am pleased to submit the report on Scottish Rite in Southwestern Ontario for the year 2023-2024.

Preface
In visiting the Valleys this year both for official visits and fraternal visits, they have clearly bounced back from the pandemic. Last year’s focus and foresight of leadership has been material in the current state of recovery of each Valley. Valleys are now looking at the pandemic as “in-the-past” thereby freeing them to fully resume all activities and to plan new ones to both engage current membership and to be attractive in their recruiting efforts. Hosted by the Windsor Valley, the Windsor and Chatham Valleys held their annual Inter-Valley event for officers and 33$^{rds}$ again this year which was well attended and enjoyed by all including the Deputy for Ontario. The Sovereign Grand Commander and his lady were hosted by the London Valley at their Spring Reunion which saw an enthusiastic number of new initiates enter into Scottish Rite. The next official Visit of the Sovereign Grand Command in the Southwest Ontario Valleys will be in Chatham the in early September. The Chatham team is excited and looking forward to welcoming the Sovereign Grand Commander and his lady to their annual George Morris night.

In this year of Celebrating the 150$^{th}$ Anniversary of Scottish Rite in Canada the Valleys of South West Ontario have been busy with their plans to celebrate locally. The Sarnia Valley held such an event in late May where four of their charter members (Valley founded in November 1966) were present and recognized. A wonderful evening dinner and social event was enjoyed by all. We are looking forward to the remaining events in the Valleys this year. Two of the Valleys were well received in their participation in the two Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario Day of Masonry events in their respective communities.

Financial management of the four Valleys remains strong and their reserves are able to support them for the foreseeable future as may be needed. One concern arising has been the impact of the new Capital Gains tax ruling on such reserves for not-for -profit organizations for which all the Valleys are reviewing with their respective financial advisors to ensure their investment strategy remains wisely administered.

Overall, the South West Ontario Valleys have a stronger and even more enthusiastic approach to Scottish Rite this year building on their significant post pandemic efforts last year. While there is still work to do, the benefits of work to date have yielded several restorations and over 20 new members into the collective Lodges of Perfection. Many of the degree teams and soon to be, officer chairs are being refilled with new members. The benefit of the Scottish Rite 150th Anniversary full year celebration has been a great catalyst in this renewed enthusiasm.

## Valley of Chatham

Attendees: TPGM, MWS, Secretary, Registrar, Treasurers, and Deputy for Ontario.
Regrets: None

Membership
Chatham Lodge of Perfection: 2023 - 122 with 2 initiates and 2 affiliations. Further a net reduction of 2 from prior year. Losses totalled 14 for the year.
Chatham Chapter Rose Croix: 2023- 110 with 3 initiates. Losses totalled 13.

Post-pandemic, the average age of the Valley has increased slightly, and work is getting organized to recruit younger members to the Valley. No specific plans at present for recruiting beyond being active in local Craft Lodges. Degree teams have been affected significantly with membership losses and brethren no longer able to effectively do parts. Focus continues to be on recruiting new members to repopulate the degree teams enabling the Valley to return to its historic practice of full set of degree teams and high-quality work. York Rite continues to be effective locally in recruiting new members which may present a challenge on the available time of brethren to enter Scottish Rite. Despite the challenges for degree teams, the Valley ritualists are very good in portraying their respective parts.

Communications
Primary mode of communication with member ship is the summons in electronic form. There is no website for the Valley and at present a much-appreciated historical Newsletter is silent and looking for a new editor to lead.

Leadership
The Valley plans to get new members involved in the Lodge and Chapter activities promptly upon being admitted to the respective bodies. Overall, the plan for preparing and advancing brethren in the chairs and leadership roles appears in place and is being applied to those currently in the chairs. However, to expand leadership development plans to full potential, the need of new members is central to such an outcome. The spring reunion for Lodge of Perfection had two candidates. The 7th degree has two new cast members which were a welcome addition to the cast. They performed their respective roles well. The excitement of becoming a member and engaging quickly in degree work or otherwise getting involved in the operation of the Lodge has been a success. Future plans to consider new member interest in the chairs and other leadership roles in the Valley.

Fellowship
Two key activities of fellowship were presented. First is the George Morris Fellowship night which originally began to recognize a prominent leader among the Valley and has now become formally a ladies night for the Valley. In September 2024, the Valley is looking forward ot welcoming the SGC and his lady to join in this exciting event as the Valley's celebration of the Scottish Rite 150th Celebration. Further, the Valley participates with the Windsor and Sarnia Valleys to hold an Inter-Valley fellowship night forthcoming in May of 2024. There is significant inter-valley support and work among Windsor, Chatham and Sarnia in installing officers of and composing degree teams including a degree team for Moore Sovereign Consistory.

Unique item about Chatham Valley
The members of the Valley when asked will commonly step up to help on any need.

Finance
The Valley has a good financial position and a strong life membership fund.

150th Anniversary Plans
The Annual George Morris Fellowship night in Early September will be the event where the Valley celebrates the 150th Anniversary of Scottish Rite. This event will be further augments for the Chatham Valley by the official Visit of the Sovereign Grand Commander.

Long range planning: A key focus is to recruit more members from the younger decades to better assure a continuous succession of leaders that will keep the Valley Strong for the future. The Valley will redouble its efforts in focusing on Craft Lodges for membership.

General Comment
The Valley's challenges post pandemic continues, however, there is a strong core of membership that is excited and diligent to grow membership and to assure the ongoing viability of the Valley. Losses continue to be significant when compared with initiations. The local challenges remain the same as last year however they leadership feels they are making good progress to stabilize and regrow their membership with younger members who are as excited and committed as they are to Scottish Rite and the Valley.

## Valley of London

Attendees: TPGM, MWS, Past MWS, Secretary, Registrar, both Treasurers plus the Chair of the Valley Finance Committee, Senior Grand Warden, and Deputy for Ontario.

Regrets: Junior Grand Warden, First General, Second General

Membership
London Lodge of Perfection: 2023 - 797 a net reduction of 45 from prior year
London Chapter Rose Croix: 2023 - 846 a net reduction of 37 from prior year.

Lodge of Perfection saw 15 new initiates in 2023 and Chapter Rose Croix saw 17 additions in the year. Current data suggest the Lodge of Perfection reunion in April 2024 could have an additional 15 initiates for the London Valley. The Valley reports they are seeing good quality Masons applying for initiation in the Lodge of Perfection and both in terms of ritual performance in their Craft Lodges but also interest in joining degree teams and stepping up for officer chairs. The Secretary and Registrar have shared with their respective degree teams the coordinates for the new members in each body to the Degree Directors to aid in filling current opportunities in degree teams.

The London Valley participated in an open to all Masons and the public Day of Freemasonry held in the spring of 2024.

Members do feel there is inherent value in the current dues structure being a commuted dues process compared with an annual dues structure.

Communications
Since last year the number of members of the Valley requesting correspondence including summons, be sent electronically vs. in hard copy, has increased tremendously from 2 members to 45 and growing.

Leadership
The Valley has an Advisory committee restarted successfully and are finding that vacant officer chairs are being filled by interested and otherwise capable members. The TPGM began this year under medical care and has remained in that state through May 2024. He is active behind the scenes ensuring the needs of the Lodge of Perfection are well attended to and that there is an acting TPGM to serve in the east at regular meetings and the spring reunion. The Lodge looks for his return to Lodge in September as he recovers

from his medical care needs. The activity and positive feeling has grown strongly and steadily through the post-pandemic restart. The Valley's leadership will undergo some further changes in the coming annual cycles but the Advisory committee and the Valley are far better prepared for these than a year ago.

Fellowship
The Valley continues to build in this post-pandemic period. Making good progress. They held the charity Golf Tournament in 2023 and the Christmas Carol celebration with this begin the first time since the pandemic for the Christmas event. The Valley was both pleased to host Sovereign Grand Commander Ill. Bro. David A. Bennett on his official visit and further to host him and his lady at the London Club with the Most Wise Sovereign and his lady for a post-reunion dinner. The Consistory Club BBQ was a successful event again in support of the Consistory Club program of providing orthotic and other devices free to those in need across the greater London community.

Unique item about London Valley
The extent of the Consistory Club's reach into the community with 50 to 60 items of medical equipment being loaned out each day that its depot is open to the public. There is a similar number of items being returned which need to be cleaned, repaired, and readied for the next person in need. This operation is carried out by about 30 Scottish Rite volunteers from the Valley of London and is well known to the physiotherapy practitioners in London.

Finance
Both the London Lodge of Perfection and the London Chapter Rose Croix are financially very healthy. The Valley finance Committees oversee ongoing management of resources to ensure long term viability of the Valley. Financial Policy and By-law are planned for review and potential upgrade this year. The focus continues to follow current financial strategy securing the Valley's long-term future. Opportunities to contribute to meaningful community needs will also be explored. The executive has been considering a suitable opportunity for the Deputy's Bursary program and are expected to apply by the deadline.

150th Anniversary Celebration
London Valley elected to present the 150th Celebration as part of their contribution to the Day of Masonry event through discussion and use of the imagery and information within their exhibit at the Day of Masonry event. They continue to consider the annual 33rds event restart to include celebration of the 150th Anniversary.

General Comment
Degree teams are beginning to be filled with new members. The challenge has been one of timing to enable complete memory work to be fulfilled. This should improve substantially for next reunion cycle. Similarly, new Lodge officers are beginning to show improvements in their memory work as they get more time to work with it. The Valley is expected to submit names for new HIGs this next year and to take full advantage of the Deputy's Grant program again. Key to retention of new members assuring their regular attendance will be how London chooses to focus on the Value proposition younger members require for their time in Scottish Rite. The Advisory Committee had begun to grasp the generational difference in home-work-life-Masonry-Scottish Rite-etc. balances for newer, younger members. We look forward to the Valley's approach as it achieves optimizing value of participation for all members especially the newest members to keep them active in Scottish Rite.

## Valley of Sarnia

Attendees: TPGM, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, and Deputy for Ontario.
Regrets: None

Membership
Sarnia Lodge of Perfection: 2023 – 131, a net reduction of 9 members with 2 new members and a loss of 11 members in the last year. They foresee a total of 6 new members in the coming months and have worked with both London and Chatham to complete the 14th degree for awaiting members. Carpooling and reaching out to members to assist them in attending meetings on a regular basis has been well received. The Valley continues to be active ion Craft Lodges in their recruiting activities.

Communications
There seems to be regular communication of any and all relevant emails distributed through the Valley from the Secretary and Assistant Secretary as appropriate in addition to email distribution of the Summons. The Valley continues to prefer “face-to-face” time with brethren to maximize brotherly love and friendship. They have conducted a Master Masons Night to maintain and further strengthen connection with the community of Craft Lodges locally.

Leadership
A formal leadership development plan remains on hold until sufficient new members are onboard to begin travel through the chairs.

Fellowship
The Valley holds several events outside of regular meetings including a Robbie Burns night and a formal dinner night through the local Scottish Rite Club which include ladies and friends including Masons from Craft Lodges. Historically the Valley held a Fish Fry event as well. This was a great fundraiser and fellowship opportunity that they are beginning to consider bringing it back as well.

Unique item about Sarnia Valley
The Valley prides itself on consistent participation throughout the membership.

150th Anniversary Celebration
The Valley is holding a 150th Celebration event on May 25, 2024 and invitations have been sent to the other nearby Valleys and Supreme Council office for distribution.

Finance
The Valley continues to maintain a stable financial position capable of supporting its activities. Trust fund is in good position and investment earnings have exceeded budget expectations.

General Comment
Sarnia Valley has been rebounding slowly but continuously in the post-pandemic period due in no small way to the leadership and conviction of their Thrice Puissant Grand Master and the Scottish Rite Committee (Advisory Committee). Presently, they are working to understand the Canada Revenue changes as they may affect their investments as a Not-for-Profit organization. Sarnia Valley is proud to have successfully made full use of the Deputy Bursary program for 20 years continuously.

## Valley of Windsor

Attendees: TPGM, MWS, Past Deputy, SGIG, Valley Secretary.
Regrets: none

Membership
Windsor Lodge of Perfection: 2023 - 224
Windsor Chapter Rose Croix: 2023- 223

7 initiates into Lodge of Perfection and 1 restoration with 8 losses for a net change of 0 members. Chapter Rose Croix saw 5 new members and 1 restoration with 8 loses for a net change of 2 from prior year.

The Valley has an Ambassador Program targeted at bringing the Scottish Rite more effectively to the local Craft Lodges. This program with other initiatives such as social networking and friends who are members of Scottish Rite bringing forward Masonic friends have been successful. Scottish Rite holds a strong family-oriented approach to participation which appears to resonate well with younger members.

Communications
Communication to members is primarily electronic. The Valley has had a change of Secretary who is getting up to speed on these tools and will use them for all communications saving those who are unable to receive email.

Leadership
The current senior officers and the Past Active and Active members of the Valley are very active in supporting new officers as they enter and travel through the chairs. They are also active in supporting development of future officers in the Valley's two bodies and Supreme Council in the form of new HIGs. One member of the 33rds group is a key leader and mentor for all leaders. The younger members are more active in leadership growth than the older members today

Fellowship
The Windsor has a number of Fellowship initiatives actively supported by the Valley including an inter-valley event jointly hosted with Chatham Valley, greetings to the widows, Consistory hospitality in Hamilton, etc. They annually host a Summer BBQ and this year it will be celebrating the Scottish Rite in Canada 150th Anniversary.

Unique item about Windsor Valley
The Windsor Valley leadership is most proud of their respect of each other "all are equal" the quality of their ritual work and the local Learning Centre for Children with Dyslexia. They are also proud of the close relationship they share with Chatham Valley.

Education & Enlightenment:
Playbills are used for the degrees however current web resources are not used but may be in the future. Glen Teskey (Past TPGM) regularly provides education for his research and travels into many Masonic related topics. Chapter Rose Croix has a section on Masonic education at every meeting as a standing item in their agenda. A research club has been established to foster thought and friendship in the Valley. Windsor Valley plans to begin a discussion group for the 33rds. Possible topics will be a focus on the esoteric degrees and will take the form of a Journal club type concept.

Finance
Both the 2023 financial statements for Lodge of Perfection and Chapter Rose Croix show each body is a strong and stable financial position. They have good investment management services which has assisted significantly in ensure the market turmoil of the Covid years had little impact on the Valley. Long range financial plans are in place to ensure the Valley finances remain in a good position supporting a strong future. Concern arises over the Capital Gains new tax as it may impact their investment strategy.

General Comment
The Valley is exploring the possibility of developing a single By-law that covers both the Lodge of Perfection and the Chapter Rose Croix bodies. The Valley is very vibrant and focused on ensuring members and in particular, new members have a strong positive and robust experience in Scottish Rite Freemasonry. Further, they are looking to establish a fixed annual schedule for which degrees and other events are completed across the calendar year. This should make it easier to participate by planning forward across the year by all members. Windsor has been very successful at returning to ritual and degree teams performing form memory universally with the exception of last-minute stand-ins. Over-all, Windsor Valley is showing complete recovery form the pandemic on all fronts and is moving forward with vigour and positivity that will assure a strong future for the Valley.

Closing Comments
With this as the Deputy's second year serving the four Valleys of Southwest Ontario, it has indeed been an honour once again to support the needs and plans of these four Valleys. Familiarity as well with the incoming officers and the collaboration with the Secretaries and Registrars has been of benefit to the Deputy making this year much more gratifying. This next year is expected to renew friendships at many engagements I across the region while also embarking on new ventures in support of the enthusiasm of these four Valleys.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard E. Jones, 33°
Deputy for Ontario

Report of the Deputy for
**QUEBEC**
**(Jacques G. Ruelland)**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers, and Brethren:

I am pleased to report on the state of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the Province of Quebec for the year 2023.

The Province of Quebec includes the three French Lodges (Loge de Perfection Fleur de Lys, Chapitre de Rose+Croix du Mont Réal, Consistoire du Phénix) and the three English Lodges (Hochelaga Grand Lodge of Perfection, Hochelaga Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix, Montreal Sovereign Consistory) of the Valley of Montreal, QC, as well as the Quebec Lodge of Perfection of the Valley of Quebec City, QC.

## Valley of Montreal

Membership

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| Hochelaga Grand Lodge of Perfection | 2023 | 168 (149 in 2022) |
| Loge de Perfection Fleur de Lys | 2023 | 109 (119 in 2022) |
| Sub-total | 2023 | 277 (258 in 2022) |
| Quebec Lodge of Perfection | 2023 | 33 (45 in 2022) |
| Total | 2023 | 310 |

The pandemic should be forgotten as its harmful effects have now faded. The Valley has started a new Class in the Autumn of 2023 in both English and French. The 2022 meetings of the two Consistories of the Valley and the 2024 meetings of its two Chapters Rose-Croix and two Consistories are going to give a new generation of future Officers.

Communications

The Valley is still using electronic delivery for summons, minutes of meetings, and communications from SC and other Valleys. Since the end of the pandemic and thanks to it (!), our administrative meetings of our Executive Committee (see below) are always taken both in-person (preferably) and, if needed, by videoconference (Zoom); in-person meeting still the preferred mode of such meetings but, sometimes, a brother who feel sick or is distant of Montreal for any reason, can join the meeting by Zoom without any problem, participate in the discussions, and vote ; inherited from the pandemic, this means has increased the participation of our administrative meetings. The letters coming from SGC, and important documents from GSG and concerning all the members, are translated into French by the Deputy and sent to members in both English and French.

Leadership

Since many years, the Executive Committee is the administrative organ of the Valley. It is composed of the principal Officers of the six bodies of the Valley, HIGs, Active and Past Active members of the Valley. This “tool” works well and solve quietly and peacefully many issues which otherwise could degenerate into conflicts.

Education and Enlightenment

Through the years 2020 and 2021, the “Committee of education, retention and Planning” of the Valley managed to keep the brothers interested in the Rite by organizing training sessions via Zoom, and thus minimize departures due to disinterest and apathy. In 2023 and 2024, despite the return of in-person official meetings, the Committee has decided to continue to provide these trainings by Zoom for the greater benefit and pleasure of the Bros. The Deputy presents a different short philosophical/historical, bilingual talk (5-7 minutes) to the Candidates at each meeting, when the president gave him the floor before closing the Degree. These short talks are sent by the GSec. to the brethren who ask for.

Uniqueness and Fellowship

Valley of Montreal is unique in that we have six constituent bodies: three working in English and three in French. In general, the Valley functions well with an abundance of goodwill, cordiality, and harmony. There is a noticeable climate of renewed cooperation and mutual support on both sides. English-speaking Bros. are coming to help their French-speaking Bros. at their meeting, and vice-versa. Sometimes, they organize partially bilingual meeting if all the Candidates are bilingual (a frequent situation in Montreal, QC): an officially French-speaking meeting can include some short ritual replica said in English (especially in the Opening and Closing of the Work) or the same replica is repeated in both two languages. This means strongly improve the fraternal links between all the Bros. and create a united Valley.

Financial Health

The financial health of the Valley is still good.

Valley Improvement Plan

The pandemic being a bad souvenir, the Valley will now implement recommendations of an Ad Hoc Committee (from 2019) to improve performance in areas of delivery of work, Masonic education, retention, and planning.

The francophone Lodges of the Valley of Montreal

Last year, the average attendance at the Meetings of the francophone Lodges of Montreal was 25 Brothers present. In 2024, this average is 27. Growing attendance is here a healthy sign.

The re-memorization and reappropriation of the ritual is now completed, although the Lodges lost some of their good ritualists during the pandemic and the following year. Some new recently “graduates” (14°, 18°, 32°) proposed themselves to memorize roles in our future dramas; some other Bros. are ready to play immediately some little roles, even silent roles if they judge that their spoken English is not good enough. Their voluntary proposal was unanimously issued from the beauty and friendship emanating from the dramas they saw. It’s promising; succession is coming. This says also another significant means: our approach of the Rite by dramas is right and fruitful: it can show the right way to create a happy and brotherly society of happy and brotherly men.

On the French-speaking side, we have lost most of our 33°, who resigned for various reasons. The francophone 33° we have left are living in Montreal: Ill. Bro. Adrian Cretu and me. We shall have to propose some new candidates when our membership will increase. This increase is now a reality, even it’s still as slow as an arthritic turtle!

I made my Official Visit to the Bros. of the francophone Lodges of the Valley of Montreal on February 23, 2023, on the occasion of the 14° given by the Lodge of Perfection Fleur de Lys. On this occasion, 30 Brothers were present, including Brethren from the anglophone Lodges of the Valley of Montreal and Bros. from distant areas of the province. I was welcomed with High Honours. The atmosphere was excellent; even the texts read by Bros. replacing absentees at short notice were well read and pleasant to hear; everyone was in a good mood; after the Meeting, the festive board continued for more than an hour.

In Montreal, we proceeded in Joint Meeting of the Chapitre de Rose+Croix du Mont Réal and the Hochelaga Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix at the Extinction of the Lights on 230406 and the Relighting of the Lights on 230410. On these two occasions, the brethren were a little less numerous.

When we started to plan the 30°, early in 2023, we realized that almost nothing was prepared, or everything must be re-done. But we were lucky: we were able to entrust various roles to experienced Bros. (including several anglophone); some, like Ill. Bro. Adrian Cretu, 33°, played three or four roles at the same time in the drama, and, at the end, everyone was very satisfied with the degree – particularly the Candidates of the Consistory, numbering 15. In order to avert any future problem, the Executive Committee decided to postpone the 31° to May 6 (instead of April 27) and to unite with the brethren of the Montreal Sovereign Consistory to hold with them a joint 32° on 230529, as they offered it to us fraternally.

In order to allow the Bros. who have already reached the 18°, both members of Chapitre de Rose+Croix du Mont Réal or of Hochelaga Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix, the Executive Committee of the Valley of

Montreal has decided to pass directly from the Lodge of Perfection to the Consistory in the spring of 2023, and to hold the two mandatory degrees (15° and 18°) of the two Rose Croix Chapters in the fall of 2023 with the help of the new Princes of the Royal Secret received in the spring, who had received their grade of Sovereign Princes Rose Croix in 2019, just before the pandemic. This explains why there were no 15° and 18° of the two Rose Croix Chapters of the Valley of Montreal during the year 2022-2023. On the other hand, this maneuver makes it possible to renew the teams of ritualists for the future by recruiting Brothers who will have reached 32° on May 29, 2023.

The anglophone Lodges of the Valley of Montreal

The average attendance at the Meetings of the anglophone Lodges of Montreal was 30 Brothers present. Reduced during the first Meetings, the assistance improved over time, as the Bros. regained confidence in sanitary conditions and group meetings.

On the anglophone side of the Montreal Valley, there are many 33° Bros. It won't be a problem to find among them my successor when I will end mu mandate in 2024.

I made my Official Visit to the Bros. of the anglophone Lodges of the Valley of Montreal on February 27, 2023, on the occasion of the 14° given by the Hochelaga Grand Lodge of Perfection. On this occasion, 45 Brothers were present, including three Bros. from the francophone Lodges of the Valley of Montreal and visiting Brothers. I was welcomed with High Honours. The atmosphere was excellent; the ritual was completely memorized; everyone was in a good mood; after the Meeting, the festive board continued for more than an hour.

## Valley of Quebec

The only Lodge in the Valley of Quebec, the Quebec Lodge of Perfection, totalled 40 members on 22/12/31.

Membership

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| Loge de Perfection de Quebec | 2021 | 45 / 2022 | 40 |

I have attended only one degree presented by the Quebec Lodge of Perfection: a 4° on 230412. No optional degree was presented in this Lodge.

A major cleaning has taken place in the list of members of this Lodge. After this cleaning, the suspension of about fifteen members was decreed. With two further resignations, the membership of this Lodge now stands at 28 members. Some of those suspended members had not paid their (very low) dues for at least 5 years.

The average attendance at the Meetings of this Lodge is now limited to a dozen Brethren.

Re-memorizing and re-appropriating the ritual were not big problems for these faithful and experienced Brothers. Two Ill. Bros. of the 33° are members of this Lodge: Ill. Bro. Gilles Chiniara and Ill. Bro. Paul Arturi. All the other Brothers I met had the 32° they got in one of the two Consistories of Montreal.

I made my Official Visit to the Bros. of this Lodge on April 12, 2023. On this occasion, 12 Bros. were present, as well as 3 Candidates ready to receive the 4°. Nevertheless, I was received with a warm welcome. This Lodge is officially anglophone, but 10 members present being francophone, one of them proposed to hold the degree in French; the only two remaining anglophone members having given their approval (they speak little French but understand it well), the Work was carried out in French. I was amazed at the high quality of the representation of the 4°, some Bros. playing two or three memory roles at the same time; Ill. Bro. Gilles Chiniara, 33°, dazzled me. The atmosphere was excellent; even the texts read by Brothers replacing absentees at short notice were well read and pleasant to hear; everyone was in a good mood. I presented a short bilingual philosophical, historical talk to the Candidates of this degree when the president gave me the floor before closing the degree; this text has been given to the GSec. for distribution to interested parties. After the Holding, the exchanges continued for almost an hour, but without festive board: this Lodge is not used to organizing it. The three young people who had just been admitted to the AASR were delighted and everyone was happy to have me there.

Closure of the Quebec Chapter of Rose Croix of HRDM

When we see the absenteeism problems of this Lodge of Perfection, we understand why the Valley of Quebec had to close the Quebec Chapter of Rose Croix of HRDM at the beginning of 2023, for lack of staff. Despite all the efforts we made to persuade the brothers of Quebec to relaunch their Rose Croix Chapter, the conversations I had with Ill. Bro. Gilles Chiniara, an encounter between him and Ill. Bro. David A. Bennett, 33°, SGC, Ill. Bro. Terry A. McLean, 33°, GSG, and I, was unable to reverse their decision to close the Quebec Chapter of Rose Croix of HRDM. Now that I have visited these brothers, I really understand their distress, and I sympathize: those who remain have heavy hearts, but there are only five or six left who regret this Chapter, and that is not enough. You cannot maintain a Chapter with only six Brothers.

The administration of this Lodge is impeccable. GSec., Ill. Bro. Gilles Chiniara, 33°, keeps a very strict management of the finances and the membership of the Lodge, and this Lodge does not lack financial resources – on the contrary. I had sent to this Ill. Bro. the list of all the documents necessary for my inspection, and I had received them well before my Official Visit, impeccably completed.

At my request, the Valley of Montreal has generously offered to the Bros. of the Quebec Chapter of Rose Croix of HRDM who want to affiliate with one of the two Rose Croix Chapters of Montreal to welcome them without imposing any Affiliation fees. They will only have to pay their annual membership dues for remote members, which amounts, in the Montreal Valley, to $75.00/year (2023 rate). The Brothers of Quebec who are already members of one of the two Consistories of the Valley of Montreal obviously do not have to pay to become members of one of the two Chapters of Montreal, their contribution being worth for the three Lodges which they have chosen to attend according to the language they want to practice there. Ill. Bro. Gilles Chiniara, 33°, informed the Valley of Montreal that it would thus receive at least 8 requests from Brothers wishing to join the anglophone Lodges of Montreal, and 4 from Brothers wishing to join the francophone Lodges of the same Valley. This migration of the Bros. from Quebec having been completed, an official request for the dissolution of the Quebec Chapter of Rose Croix of HRDM will be sent in May to the SC by Ill. Bro. Gilles Chiniara, 33°, as decided by the Bros. of Quebec.

Nevertheless, I admired the formidable complicity and the know-how of the Bros. of this Lodge which created an extraordinary atmosphere.

Conclusions

The migration of our Bros. to York Rite

The chronic absenteeism and lack of new admissions from which the Quebec Lodge of Perfection suffered can be explained by the attractiveness exercised by the Lodges of the York Rite, which seduce all the Master Masons of the three Blue Lodges of Quebec. This phenomenon is not unique to Quebec City: we are witnessing the same phenomenon in the Eastern Townships. A strategy to face that recent phenomenon might be designed by the SC. However, each Mason is free to belong to the Rite he wants to practice, and even to choose several Rites if he wants, but the problem arises when he decides to leave a Rite to move to another one. His motivation must be questioned.

The Christian character of Easter Ceremonies

The Easter Ceremonies appear today as “too Christian” in the minds of some Bros. Should we consider presenting them differently to everybody by highlighting their universal and spiritual character – hope in a better world – rather than their religious character which presents above all the person of Jesus-Christ, which gives Freemasonry a religious character that it also strives to overcome in favour of a universal spirituality. The collaboration of the Ritual Committee of the Supreme Council will certainly be invaluable in this matter. Easter Christian time is however the right time to present a message of faith, hope, and charity – on that matter, any time is the right time to do so – but here, the problem lays in the perception of the ceremonies, not in its so-called religious character. The text of the ritual should be examined under this aspect.

A temporary problem of leadership

Currently, the Valley of Montreal – especially the francophone Lodges – is having trouble in filling offices in all Bodies, especially at the head level; a condition that may last for the next two to three years. We hope our management of the degrees will allow us to form new Officers and attract new members with our educative activities. We shall have to insist on leadership and the sense of organization as the main qualities of a principal Officer in a Lodge. We recommend Simon Sinek's Leaders eat last, New York, NY, Penguin Random House, 2017 (2014), 350 p., ISBN 9781591848011. On the "organizational" level, we recommend Martin G. McConnell's Successful Masonic Lodges and Grand Lodges learning to thrive, North Charleston, SC, CreateSpace, 2018, 178 p., ISBN 9781545529812.

An unexpected gift

A beautiful thing that the pandemic has allowed us to discover is the spirit of solidarity and fraternity that we had already developed during the epidemic, but which we then reinforced in adversity. I had personally given myself the mission, by becoming an Active Member of the 33°, to bring peace and harmony to the Valley of Montreal, where disagreements had, for several years, undermined the climate of fraternity between the two Canadian "solitudes." Thanks to the pandemic, everybody was happy to meet again each other, and I had no great difficulty in persuading all the Bros. that peace is a source of pleasure, much better than war. Now we all need to maintain this beautiful climate of esteem and mutual respect.

Jacques G. Ruelland, 33°
Deputy for Quebec
Député pour le Québec

## Report of the Deputy for **SASKATCHEWAN** **(William C. Fitzsimmons)**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers, and Brethren:

The following is my report on the Valleys of Regina and Saskatoon.

My official visit to the Valley of Regina was to witness the first Section of Consistory. This visit was held at the Masonic Lodge in Regina on May 16, 2024.

### Valley of Regina

Membership

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| Lodge of Perfection | 219 members, |
| Chapter of Rose Croix | 205 members |
| Consistory | 205 members |

All three bodies in the Valley saw a decrease in membership of an overall 7 members each.

Communications

The Valley secretary continues to do an excellent job in keeping the membership engaged, and up to date on correspondence and material from Supreme Council. The majority of members receive communications electronically with just a few who receive information by mail.

Leadership

There is very little overlap in the three bodies. They have very experienced Active and Past Actives in the Valley including hard working Honorary Inspectors-General.

Fellowship
In late November a Christmas dinner and Fraternal Ladies night is held in the lower Masonic hall. This is a wonderful occasion full of goodwill, good food and good fellowship; a preamble to the Christmas season.

Valley's Connections and Support of Craft Lodges
Unfortunately, since Covid, very little activity has taken place.
Financial Health
This Valley is in good shape financially with an excellent secretary and treasurer at the helm.

Valley Improvement Plan
The benefits of a Valley Improvement Plan were discussed and the Leadership team is interested in setting specific goals and time lines in the future.

Comments and Observations
The Valley of Regina is a place where visitors are warmly welcomed.

In closing, I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the Grand Secretary-General, Ill. Bro. Terry McLean, 33°, and the Supreme Council staff, in the persons of Ill. Bro. Steven Warren, 33°, COO; Ill. Bro. Thomas A Wills, 33°, Lieutenant Grand Commander and Ms. Leslie Drake for all their assistance.

## Valley of Saskatoon

My Official Visit to the Valley of Saskatoon was held on their regular meeting night on May 23, 2024. As there were no new candidates they opened and closed all three degrees. There was a bar-be-que held before the meeting, which all enjoyed.

Membership
Saskatoon

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| Lodge of Perfection | 97 members, 2 down from 2023 |
| Chapter of Rose Croix | 93 members, and overall loss of 4 since 2023 |
| Consistory | 91 members, total loss of 7 members since 2023. |

Communications
The majority of correspondence is electronic with less than 2% still being sent by snail mail. The Brethren receive quarterly notices, along with minutes from all meetings, Reunions and Reunion programs. Hard copies of Notices and Reunion Programs are provided at regular and Reunion meetings for the brethren. The Valley website contains meetings and Valley information. We have a committee responsible for maintaining the content.

Leadership
At our installation, January 4, 2020, we installed a new secretary, Ill. Bro. Tim Halstead. He has proven to be an excellent choice and is very diligent in his duties. Our former secretary, Graham Snell moved on to be the President of the Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce in 2022. Graham received his 33rd degree in 2022 at the Supreme Session in Saskatoon. Most of our Honorary Inspectors-General take an active role as the participants and directors. They are hardworking and provide leadership and mentoring roles. The executive team oversees most of the operations in Saskatoon. This team consists of the principal officers, the secretary and the treasurer.

Fellowship
At the Consistory Reunions, Regina Valley members would come to Saskatoon to assist with the Tents and Standards. In the past few years, except of course, for Covid, Regina had requested the Saskatoon 24th Degree Team go to Regina and portray the 24th degree.

Uniqueness
The Saskatoon Valley has a high percentage of younger 33rds. As long as I have been Deputy, I have tried to elevate a young member and an older member. Their Ritual work is excellent.

This year we have had our last meeting in May before the summer break. On that evening, we had a barbecue prior to the meeting. The event was well attended.

Craft Lodge Initiatives

As stated earlier, the Valley of Saskatoon has a Second Degree Team. When asked, they will portray the Second Degree in Craft Lodges in and around Saskatoon. Many of the members of this Degree Team are younger members who do excellent degree work. This has a lasting impression on those Masons who are not members of Scottish Rite. Many of our Scottish Rite members are regular attenders of their Craft Lodges including five Past Grand Masters.

Financial Health

The auditor's report indicates the Valley is in a good financial position.

Comments and Observations

The Valley of Saskatoon is an excellent place to visit. The environment in the room is warm and friendly. The more mature brethren are willing to give the younger members a chance. As stated earlier, the thirty-thirds are hardworking, and cooperative. This positive attitude has done, and will continue, to serve the Valley of Saskatoon well.

In closing, I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the Grand Secretary-General, Ill. Bro. Terry McLean, 33°, and the Supreme Council staff, in the persons of Ill. Bro. Steven Warren, 33°, COO; Ill. Bro. Thomas A. Willis, 33°, Lieutenant Grand Commander and Ms Leslie Drake for all their assistance.

This completes my report for the Valleys of Regina and Saskatoon.

Respectfully submitted,
William C. Fitzsimmons, 33°
Deputy for Saskatchewan

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*Rejoice ye dead, where'er your spirits dwell*
*Rejoice that yet on earth your fame is bright,*
*And that your names, remembered day and night,*
*Live on the lips of those who love you well.*
*~ Robert Bridges*

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ILL. BRO. RAY THOMAS **BRYANT**, 33°
Past Active Member

Ill. Bro. Ray Bryant, 33°, Past Active Member of British Columbia and Yukon, passed away at Royal Jubilee hospital a short 10 days after being recognized, by Grand Master M.W. Bro. Arthur Smith, Grand Lodge of British Columbia & Yukon, for his 60 years' service to Freemasonry, in a special Ceremony at the Aberdeen Senior Centre in Victoria, BC.

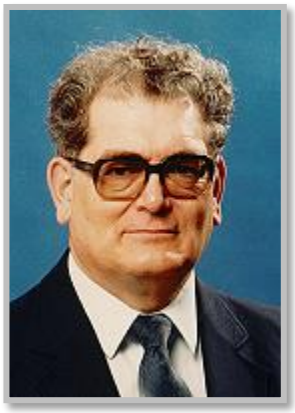
Ill. Bro. Ray Bryant, 33°, was born June 13th, 1937 in Esquimalt, BC. On graduation from High School Ray attended the University of British Columbia attaining both a Commerce and Law degree leading to a sixty-year law career and service to his local community in many roles. Ray was elected as the youngest Mayor of Esquimalt, at the age of 28. He was instrumental in establishing many provincial Crown Corporations including BC Hydro, BC Ferries, and the Municipal Financing Authority. Ill. Bro. Bryant chaired several boards including the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria Branch of the Alzheimer Society, as well as many not-for-profit boards. He generously provided numerous pro-bono legal services for many Masonic building societies and associations.

Ray's Masonic journey started in Vancouver and Quadra Lodge No. 2, Grand Lodge of BC & Y in 1964, he was elected W.M. of the Lodge in 1971. He served on several Grand Lodge of BC & Y Committees including the Constitution Committee for thirty-nine years, acting as it's Chair for more than twenty-three years, as well as the Trial Committee. He was appointed as Grand Junior Deacon, by Ill. Bro. Stephen Godfrey, 33°, during his year as Grand Master of BC & Y in 2007.

Ill. Bro. Bryant, 33°, was a fifty-eight-year member of Scottish Rite, and was active in all three bodies. He was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General in Winnipeg in 2000, and Crowned an Active Member in Windsor in 2003. He was a member of the Jurisprudence and Legislation Committee until 2016. He had been a member of the Royal Order of Scotland since 1983, where he served as Provincial Grand Master from 2005-2010.

Ray was preceded in death by his wife Margaret of 62 years (2022) and his youngest son Alan (2011). Ray is survived by children, Janine (Robert Roy) and Michael (Susan Abramovitch); grandchildren, Matthew and Hayley Margaret Roy, Sadie and Louie Bryant; granddaughter-in-law, Devi Roy; and great-grandchild, Henry Alan Roy.

ILL. BRO. STANLEY JAMES **CLAYTON**, 33°
Past Active Member



It is with deep sadness that we announce that Stanley Clayton U.E., beloved husband of Agnes “Peg” Clayton (nee Smith), of Calgary, AB, passed away on Sunday May 5, 2024 at the age of 94 years.

Stanley was born in Killam, AB, on November 10, 1929. He lived on a farm south of Edmonton and received his high school education in that city. Stan and Peg were married in 1951 and moved to Calgary in 1954. Where he worked in the printing business. He was a founding member of the Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd in Calgary and led the Sunday school program.

Stan’s Masonic career in Freemasonry began on September 24th, 1956 in King George Lodge No. 59 on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. He served in many positions that benefited his brethren. He served as master of King George Lodge for the year 1970. Stan was appointed as Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Alberta in 2009.

Stan started his journey in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada on January 29, 1965, receiving his 4th degree in the Valley of Calgary. Stan was elected as the Most Wise Sovereign for 1977/1978.

Stan was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General of the 33° on September 8, 1988, and was Crowned an Active Member on September 13th, 1997. Stan was made a Past Active Member on September 17, 2005.

Stan was also a Member of the Royal Order of Scotland being admitted on September 28th, 1985, and served as secretary of the order for many years.

Stan became a member the Al Azhar Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. in 1968, and joined the Oriental Band in 1980, and served as Sultan in 1985.

Stan was also a founding member of the Scottish Rite Learning Centre for Dyslexic Children and was a key contributor to its foundation and success.

Stan was a 5th generation Canadian, with roots tracing back to the United Empire Loyalists. He proudly used the initials U.E. (Unity of the Empire) after his name. Stan was an avid fisherman and hunter, he loved the outdoors and enjoyed camping with his family and friends.

Besides his loving wife of 72 years, Stan is survived by his children and their families; his daughter, Brenda Clayton (Dr. Donald Holmes), and her family, David Holmes, Dr. Sheila Holmes (Gregor Pachmann), and Teresa Holmes (Greg Siemens); his son, James Clayton (Linda Wheatley), and his family, Joshuah Clayton (Ashlea), Kathryn, Andrew, and Patrick; as well as Jeremiah Clayton, Jacob Clayton (Jessika Moore), Jaxton, Jayla, Jace, and Jett; Heather George (Brent), Emily, Elyse, and Liam. He is also survived by his son Kelvin Clayton, and daughter Nancy Thomson (Stuart), and her family, Tracee Hamel (Marc) Morgan, and Breeanna; and Robert Tardiff (Amanda Martin).

Stan is also survived by his sisters, Linda Bodkin (Ron), Judy Paton, Jeanette Tauber (Dave), and brother Mike (Karen), as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and his Freemason brothers and families.

Stan had a life that was well lived, and we are all richer having known him. He is one of those rare individuals that deserved all of the honours that were bestowed upon him. He was a leader, a mentor, and a friend. He will be truly missed.

ILL. BRO. WILLIAM ARCHIBALD DORMAN **COOK**, 33°
Past Active Member

Bill was born April 20, 1936 and passed June 27, 2024 – age 88. Beloved husband and best friend for more than 68 years of Joyce (McCallum). Loving father of Kerry Lee Cook (Gandi Hammoud), and Kelly McKenna (Mike). Cherished Poppa of Kira (Scott), Candice, Laura (Cody), Charlene (Brock) and Adam (Katie) and great grandfather of Georgia, Olivia, Katie, Michaela, Sierra, Logan, Emmett, William, Alex and Jack. Brother of Barbara Tracey, Brian Cook (late Janet) and the late Bob Cook (late Audrey). Brother-in-law of Carol Brown (Bill Watson) and Judy Scharf (Mel).

Bill was a member of Goodwood Lodge No. 156 (60+ years) and District Deputy Grand Master 1981 (Cook's Cowboys). He joined Ottawa Valley Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in 1975, elected Most Wise Sovereign 1988, Coroneted 33º 1993, and became an Active Member in 1997. He was Potentate of Tunis Shriners in 1998, and was active throughout Masonry for many years.

Bill first worked for the Imperial Bank of Commerce, then Atomic Energy of Canada until 1971. He then transferred to the Regional Municipality of Ottawa Carleton – Secretary Treasurer of the Land Division Committee.

Bill loved sports, he played hockey, golf, fastball, and was an avid curler, holding a club record of 2 eight-enders in one season. He loved animals, especially dogs, but horses held a special place in his heart. Bill enjoyed riding horses but was just as happy to sit and watch them. Bill also dabbled in woodworking and made Kerry and Kelly each a sleigh with a cut-out to hold a potted poinsettia. Bill enjoyed gardening and was an expert at growing roses.

ILL. BRO. PIERRE ARTHUR **PHANEUF**, 33°
Past Active Member

The Valley of Montreal suffered a tremendous loss on March 23rd, 2024 with the passing of Ill. Bro. Pierre Arthur Phaneuf, 33°, Past Active Member of Supreme Council, Past Deputy for Quebec, Past Junior Grand Warden and Past Grand Secretary of M.W. the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A.F. & A.M. Pierre's devotion to Freemasonry in general, Grand Lodge, Scottish Rite and particularly to the Valley of Montreal, will leave a lasting legacy.

Survived and deeply mourned by his daughter Malwine and his long-time partner Salick Ung, Pierre was just settling in at his seniors' residence having moved-in shortly before his demise in his 78th year.

Born on July 8th, 1946, in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec, Pierre obtained a baccalaureate from Loyola College in Montreal, his law degree at the Université de Montréal and, he did a specialization in "Space Law" at McGill University. He was a member of the Quebec Bar Association, the Bar Association of Canada, and the International Law Association (ILA) Canadian Branch.

As a professional lawyer, he worked in private practice from 1971 to 1975 after which he joined Teleglobe Canada as legal advisor, where in 1991 he was appointed Senior Counsel and then General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of all five branches of this firm, including Teleglobe International, Teleglobe Marine, and Teleglobe Research.

Initiated in Delta Lodge No. 136 on December 20th,1982, Pierre served there as Worshipful Master in 1988 –1989 and later as Lodge Secretary for a two-year term during which time he got actively involved with Grand Lodge of Quebec in assisting the then Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Ken Aldridge by undertaking the huge task of Francization of the official documents of the GLQ.

Delta Lodge No. 136 has since merged with a daughter-lodge and formed La Loge Delta de l'Amitié No. 143. Pierre Phaneuf was among the founders of this new lodge and was proclaimed Worshipful Master Emeritus.

Pierre's Masonic career continued when he received his 14° in the Hochelaga Lodge of Perfection on January 26, 1987 and, his 18° in the Hochelaga Sovereign Chapter of Rose-Croix, on March 7th, 1988, where also served as Most Wise Sovereign in 2003. He received his 32° from the Montreal Sovereign Consistory on April 22, 1989.

Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General in Saskatoon in 1992, he was Crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General 33° and elected an Active Member of the Supreme Council in 2003 in Windsor. He was elected Deputy for Quebec in 2005.

He was received in The Royal Order of Scotland in 1993.

Pierre was instrumental in the creation and establishment of the French Bodies of the Valley of Montreal and, was among the founding members of the first French-speaking Lodge of Perfection in North America, la Loge de Perfection Fleur de Lys, consecrated on November 15th, 1999.

On March 18th, 2005, le Chapitre de Rose+Croix du Mont Réal was created, and Pierre was its first Most Wise Sovereign. On November 19th, 2011, Letters Patent of Constitution were granted to le Consistoire du Phénix, in Montreal. Here again, Pierre Phaneuf was among the founding members.

His most notable accomplishment at Supreme Council, is that of translating into French all the rituals of the Scottish Rite, which were published, reviewed and adopted between 1992 and 2008 and are currently followed by all our French speaking Bodies.

Pierre's efforts for the Rite paralleled those that he made for the Grand Lodge of Quebec; starting as early as 1984 when he translated to French the official Secretary's Manual issued by GL to the secretaries of subordinate lodges. This was followed by updating and revising the French text of Constitution of GLQ, which was adopted in 2003.

He succeeded in getting the Coat of Heraldic Arms of the GLQ officialised by obtaining letters patent proclaimed by the heralds of arms of the Governor General of Canada during the 133rd Annual Meeting of the GLQ in May 2003.

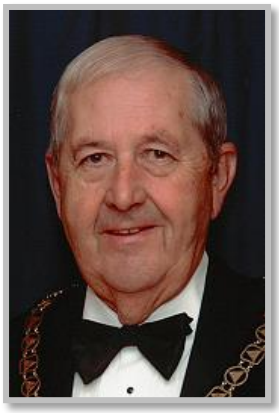
He led a long legal process which resulted in the recognition of the Montreal Masonic Temple as a "place of worship" by the City of Montreal, thereby receiving much needed relief from municipal taxes. Next, he succeeded in having the Historic Sites and Monuments Commission of Canada recognize the temple as a "national historic site of Canada" on June 1st, 2001 followed by having the temple classified as a "heritage building" by the Quebec Ministry of Culture and Communications, on January 22nd, 2012.

Appointed Grand Pursuivant in 1992, he was elected Junior Grand Warden in 2007. In 2016 he was appointed Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, a duty that he had to give up due to illness after just over a year. His incessant service and dedication were recognized by Grand Lodge with the highly coveted the Pro-Merito Award in 2009.

While the list of his Masonic accomplishments could fill a book, we just want to acknowledge how his hard work and dedication has benefitted the Craft in the Province of Quebec, especially when it comes to harmonising English and French ritual work and the smooth integration of French speaking lodges and concordant bodies within the jurisdiction.

Thank you, Pierre for all that you did for Freemasonry in the Province of Quebec. You always carried yourself with the air of a fine gentleman that you were. You will be greatly missed.

ILL. BRO. ROBERT LEROUX **TAYLOR**, 33°
Past Active Member



Robert LeRoux Taylor, of Sydney NS, passed away Tuesday, May 14, 2024.

Born February 2, 1937, in Glace Bay, he was a son of the late Charles Lester and Cora (LeRoux) Taylor.

In 1963, Robert married Marjorie Lorna MacNeil and they were blessed with daughters, Claire Michelle Taylor and Carolyn Giselle Hackenberg; his son-in-law, Eric Hackenberg; two grandsons (business partners), Cole Taylor Hackenberg and Logan Ryder Hackenberg, all from Calgary. He was predeceased by their son, Robert LeRoux (in infancy). He is survived by sisters, Carolyn Fiolek and Diane Piper, Calgary and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by brothers, Lester and Roy Taylor.

Robert received his early education in Glace Bay. He attended Cape Breton University and completed the diploma course from the Canadian Institute of Management in 1973. Robert began employment with the Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation, remaining with the company for 37 years until retiring in 1994 from the cost accounting department.

He attended and was an Elder of the former First United Church, Sydney. He later attended Westmount United Church.

In 1967, Robert began his Masonic career at the Sydney Lodge No. 84. He served as W.M. in 1977 and District Deputy Grand Master for Cape Breton Centre in 1980. In Scottish Rite Freemasonry, he joined the Cape Breton Lodge of Perfection in 1972 and the lsle Royale Chapter Rose Croix in 1986, serving as an officer in both bodies. He received his 32° in the Nova Scotia Consistory in 1978.

Robert was Coroneted a 33° Honorary Inspector-General in 1986. He was Crowned an Active Member of the Supreme Council in 2002. Robert served as Deputy for Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador for six years. He has served as chairman of the Masonic Foundation of Nova Scotia. He was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, Philae Temple Shrine and the Royal Order of Jesters.

Robert was always willing to share words of wisdom with his brothers. His steadfast joy to be involved with Masonry will be missed by all that have the pleasure to meet and shake his hand.

ILL. BRO. MICHAEL JOHN **ADAM**, 33°

Michael John Adam of Sarnia, at the age of 56, passed away peacefully at Bluewater Health on Thursday, August 24, 2023, with his family at his side after a yearlong battle with glioblastoma. Michael is survived by his beloved wife of 27 years, Paula (nee Millett). Proud father of Keeley (Terek) Lemay, and Keegan Adam. Loved son of Michael Sr. and Elizabeth Adam. Dear brother of Connie (Mike) Burrowes and Kyle (Angie) Adam. Cherished son- in-law of Beverley and the late Mervin Millett, brother-in-law of Ann (Peter) Varga, Cathy Millett, and Sandy (Kelvin) Forrest. Fondly remembered by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, and cousins as well as countless friends and co-workers.

Michael graduated from Wilfrid Laurier University with an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree with Distinction in Anthropology and a Master of Arts degree in Religion and Culture. He then went on to earn a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Windsor. Michael had a successful career for 30 years with the Lambton Kent District School Board, first, as an elementary school teacher and, later, as a vice principal.

Michael was a very loving and devoted husband and father. He was passionate about his Scottish heritage, building models, trains, airplanes, trivia, technology, playing strategic games, and he was a big fan of Maple Leaf Hockey. His greatest pleasure was spending time with his family.

A Masonic Memorial Service was conducted by Liberty Lodge No. 419 at 6:00 PM Sunday August 27, 2023. There were approx. 200 Masons present from South Western Ontario, Present and Past Grand Lodge Officers, members from the Scottish Rite and York Rite. True respect for an honourable MAN AND MASON.

Michael was a highly respected Mason, a member of Liberty Lodge No. 419, 3rd degree17, Nov., 2003. He was Master of the Lodge in 2007 and 2012, District Secretary in 2015, Grand Steward in 2016, and Secretary Emeritus in 2023. He was Mason of the Year in 2010 and a member of Hiawatha Chapter No. 252 RAM.

He was also a 33rd degree Mason with the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Supreme Council of Canada. Sarnia Lodge of Perfection, received his 14th degree, 18 Oct. 2008, Received 18th degree 28 Mar. 2009, Received 32nd degree 8 May 2010, Received his 33rd degree 15 Sep. 2018 in London.

Michael's honesty and integrity made him a worthy member of all societies, associations they were fortunate to have him Volunteering. His love of Family, love of GOD, His concern' Empathy and love of others, left the example that members try to emulate his efforts. He was excellent in promoting our Lodge membership and trying to retain our Membership. Our Masonic Membership has lost one of a kind Mason who left a great VOID in our Lodges.

ILL. BRO. OBAFEMI **ADEITE**, 33°

Ill. Bro. Obafemi (Femi) Kadejo Adeite, 33°, passed away on July 16, 2024 at the age of 95. At the time of his death, he was the oldest Nigerian-Canadian. Following graduation from High School in Lagos, he was employed at the Post and Telegraphy Department, as a telegraphist from 1947-1956. Femi proceeded to England with the intention of studying medicine. Unable to pursue these studies, Femi qualified with several degrees including a certificate in applied clinical psychiatry and a certificate in tropical diseases from the London School of Hygiene.

While still in London, Femi was hired by the Ontario Ministry of Health in 1964 and emigrated to Canada. He worked for 18 years as Psychiatric Nursing Supervisor, at Queen Street, Toronto and with the Mental Health Care in Durham, Victoria and York Counties. He retired in December, 1992. Femi was

a life-long learner and during his work career studied Applied Psychology at Ryerson Polytechnic College, Public Health studies at the University of Toronto School of Hygiene and obtained a B.A. major in Sociology and Criminology at Woodworth College, University of Toronto.

Ill. Bro. Adeite received numerous awards during his career including awards for excellence in public service from the then Premier of Ontario, The Honorable Bob Rae and then Minister of Health, the Honorable Michael Deeter, from Mayor Mel Lastman and his Council for community services in North York and from the Canada College for Business and Technology for Leadership Training, Supervision and Conflict Resolutions.

In 1999, the Nigerian community of Toronto sent a petition to his Royal Highness and highly esteemed Oba (the equivalent of a great King) in Western Nigeria to recognize Femi as a High Chief Agba of Remon due to his service as a leader and elder to the local Nigerian community. This honour was unique as it was the first time that it was conferred on anyone outside of Nigeria.

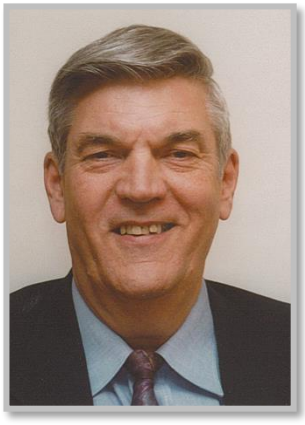
Ill. Bro. Adeite was Initiated into Masonry at Georgina Lodge No. 343 G.R.C. on January 8, 1988, Passed on March 25, 1988, and Raised on May 13, 1988. Femi was also a member of the following: Coronati Lodge No. 520, G.R.C. where he served as Master 2001-2002, Life Member of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 727, G.R.C., member of Heritage Lodge No. 730, G.R.C. and was a member of King Solomon's Chapter - Royal Arch Masons.

Ill. Bro. Adeite joined Scottish Rite Valley of Toronto receiving his 4th degree on February 13, 1989 and his 14th degree on April 24, 1989 in the Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection. He received his 18th degree on January 18, 1990 in the Toronto Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix and his 32° on May 12, 1990 in Moore Sovereign Consistory in Hamilton. Femi served as Grand Tyler for the Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection for 20 years (1998 to 2018) and was recognized as the Grand Tyler Emeritus for his efforts. Femi was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General, 33°, of Supreme Council at the Annual Session of Supreme Council held in Toronto on September 15, 2005.

Femi was married to Georgia and they have 2 grown sons and grandchildren. He was a member of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Bloor Street East, Toronto, since 1968 and served as a chorister under Dr. Peaker for 18 years.

Ill. Bro. Adeite was a leader in the Nigerian community for which he was deeply humbled to be their mentor. Femi will be deeply missed by his family, friends, the Nigerian Community and his many Masonic friends.

## ILL. BRO. PAUL BRADON **ASHLEY**, 33°



Ill. Bro. Paul Brandon Ashley, 33° passed away peacefully at Health Sciences North on Thursday March 29, 2024 in his 84th year.

He is survived by his loving wife Dorothy and missed by his son Colin and wife Paula, Jason (deceased) and wife Michelle, his grandchildren, Eli, Paul, Everest, Tiffany and great grandson River.

Ill. Bro. Ashley was born on February 6, 1940 in Toronto, Ontario, to Cecil and Aileen Ashley. He is predeceased by brothers Doug and John.

Ill. Bro. Ashley was trained as a Medical Laboratory Technologist, and after marrying Dorothy, they moved to Smooth Rock Falls where Paul became the Manager of the Smooth Rock Falls Hospital laboratory.

Paul was Initiated into Cochrane Lodge No. 530 on December 9, 1976, being Raised on April 14, 1977. He became Worshipful Master in 1981. For 1987-88 Paul served as District Deputy Grand Master for the Temiskaming District.

During 1978 Paul joined the North Bay Lodge of Perfection and the North Bay Chapter of Rose Croix. In

1979 he received his 32nd degree in Moore Sovereign Consistory in Hamilton. On the 16th of September, 2004 Paul was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General, 33° in Niagara Falls.

After retirement Paul and Dorothy moved to Sudbury to be near family, and Paul affiliated with Algonquin Lodge No.536 on May 19, 2009 and the Sudbury and District Lodge of Perfection on March 27, 2009. He served as Worshipful Master of Algonquin Lodge in 2011-12.

Continuing his Masonic journey, Paul joined Tuscan Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, in November of 2023.

In addition to his Masonic activities, Paul was extensively involved in coaching curling and officiating at national curling events. He had a passion for building remote control airplanes and flying them with his friends.

Paul was a mentor and friend to many and he will be sorely missed.

ILL. BRO. ALBERT ARTHUR **BARKER**, 33°

On December 1, 2023 the Valley of Hamilton lost a long-time member in the person of Albert A. (Bert) Barker. Bert passed away peacefully in Brantford Ontario after a long battle with a chronic illness. Bert was born in Thistletown (Toronto) Ontario on October 30, 1944 to Grant and Neta Barker. His father moved the family dairy farm from Thistletown to Burford, near Brantford, when Bert was a young child. Bert often spoke of his memories of returning to Thistletown with his father, Grant, in October of 1954 to assist in the cleanup after the devastation of Hurricane Hazel.

Bert was educated at the University of Guelph and began his career at the family dairy farm in Burford. He went on to pursue a number of roles over his career including insurance, property management and sports retail but he retained a lifelong love for agriculture long after the sale of the family farm. He served at the Executive Secretary of the Valley of Hamilton from 1997 to 2009.

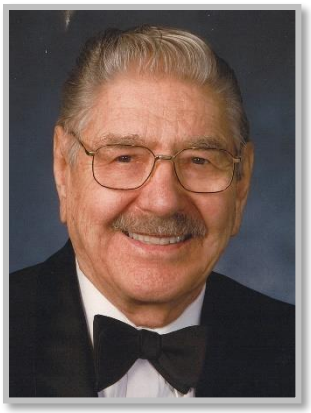
Bert was Initiated into Reba Lodge No. 515 in Brantford on September 13, 1974. He was Passed to the Second Degree on October 11, 1974 and advanced to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on November 8, 1974. He served as Worshipful Master of Reba Lodge in 1979. Bert served as Grand Senior Warden for the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario in 1996 – 1997. He was a Charter Member of Heritage Lodge No. 730 G.R.C. and served as Worshipful Master in 1986-1987.

Bert was Initiated into Murton Lodge of Perfection on November 2, 1974, the Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix on April 7, 1977 and Moore Sovereign Consistory on May 6, 1978. He was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General on September 14, 1989 at the Annual Session of Supreme Council in Ottawa, Ontario. Bert performed in a number of degrees over the years but he is particularly remembered for his excellent delivery of the obligation in the Fourteenth Degree. Bert was inducted into the Royal Order of Scotland in 1996.

He was heavily involved in a number of community groups in Brantford including Participation House, Brantford Kiwanis Club and the Ontario Hockey Association. He had a lifelong love of sports with a particular passion for the Cincinnati Reds.

Bert is survived by his loving wife Sonja to whom he was married for 57 years. He is also survived by his daughter Heather and son Aaron and granddaughter Haley as well as three sisters and one brother. Bert will be greatly missed.

ILL. BRO. JESSE FELIX **BATTLE**, 33°



Ill. Bro. Jesse F. Battle 33° passed away peacefully in Victoria on November 21st, 2023, 15 days short of his 96th birthday. Ill. Bro. Battle 33° was a very active Freemason for 43 years and will be sorely missed.

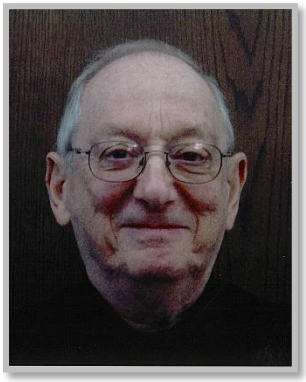
Ill. Bro. Battle was born and raised in Delia Alberta on December 5th, 1927, after completing his education Ill. Bro. Battle joined the Royal Canadian Navy where he spent the next 26 years. Upon his retirement from the RCN he became a Realtor and finally an Office Manager for an Auto Parts supplier in Victoria.

Jesse's Masonic journey started in Vancouver & Quadra Lodge No. 2 Grand Lodge of BC & Yukon on the 5th of November 1980. He served as the Master of that Lodge in 1988 and as the Lodge Director of Ceremonies for a number of years. Jesse also served the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon as Grand Deacon in 2003

In Scottish Rite, Jesse's journey started in the Valley of Victoria in 1982 receiving his 14° June 1983, 18° January 1984, and his 32° May 1984. He was installed as Thrice Puissant Grand Master in February 2008. He was a regular cast member of the Lodge of Perfection degrees and an excellent ritualist. He was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General 33° in Vancouver, September 2008 by Ill. Bro. C. Robert Townsend, 33°. Jesse continued to provide advice and assistance to the Valley despite the health issues he suffered and his advancing years.

Jesse is survived by the love of his life Elsie and their family. Jesse's life exemplified service and our thoughts are with all who benefitted from his kindness and humour. Thank you, Jesse.

ILL. BRO. DONALD **BENNETT**, 33°



Ill. Bro. Donald Bennett 33° passed away on July 29, 2022. Donald was born on May 25, 1930, in London, England. Donald was the father and father-in-law of Robert and Susan, and Richard and Lisa. Dear brother of the late Morris, Miriam and Lena. Devoted grandpa and papa of Hannah, Shira, Ling and the late Bo.

Ill. Bro. Bennett was a Chartered Accountant by training and in 1979 was a founding partner of the firm Bennett Gold LLP Chartered Professional Accountants. Donald retired in 2015 from the firm.

Ill. Bro. Bennett was active in his community being involved with the United Jewish Appeal, the Board of Jewish Education, the Orah School for Young People from the former Soviet Union and as part of the Baycrest Foundation's Finance Committee.

Ill. Bro. Bennett was Initiated into the Lodge of the Pillars No. 703 on June 16, 1975. He received his 2nd degree on November 17, 1975, and was Raised to the 3rd degree on January 19, 1976. Donald's Scottish Rite journey started on February 12, 1979, when he received his 4th degree in the Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection. He received his 14th degree on April 23, 1979 and his 18th degree a year later on April 6, 1980 in the Toronto Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix and his 32nd degree on November 8, 1980 in Moore Sovereign Consistory, Hamilton. Donald served as the Valley of Toronto Auditor from 1998 to 2007. Ill. Bro. Bennett was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General 33° on September 12, 2003 at the 129th Annual Sessions of Supreme Council held in Windsor, ON.

ILL. BRO. DONALD WILLIAM **BENNETT**, 33°

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Don Bennett on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at the age of 92 years. Don grew up in Mortlach, Saskatchewan. He was married to the late Mary Bennett for 57 years. Left to remember him are his three children.

Don served in the RCAF and spent time in England as an airplane mechanic. Upon honorable discharge from the Air Force, he started his working career as the R.M secretary for the town of Marquis, Saskatchewan. He eventually served as the Deputy Minister of Urban and Municipal Affairs for the province of Saskatchewan.

Don started is Masonic journey at Caron Port Lodge No. 42 August 13, 1959. He was a member of Masonic Lodge NWMP No. 11, Wa Wa Shriners Drum Corp, Wascana Country Club, Tartan Curling Club, and multiple other volunteer organizations. Don served as the Potentate of the Wa Wa Shrine in 1996.

His Scottish Rite journey started with the Moose Jaw Valley May 30, 1961. He received his Perfection degrees and the Rose Croix degrees at the Moose Jaw Valley reunions and received his Consistory degrees at Regina Valley. In 1982 Don affiliated with the Regina Lodge of Perfection and the Regina Chapter of Rose Croix. He serve at TPGM in 2002. September 16, 2004 Don was Coroneted as Honorary Inspector-General. Ill Bro Bennett was a very supportive Mason in the Regina Valley. He will be missed

ILL. BRO. ALLAN JOHN FREDRICK **BIRNIE**, 33°

Allan John Fredrick Birnie passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 19th, 2023. Allan was born in the town of Fleetwood, Lancashire, but raised and educated in the town of Blackpool, Lancashire, England. After a seven-year apprenticeship as a Carpenter and Joiner and attending Blackpool Technical College, he attained his City and Guilds of the Lancashire and Cheshire Institutes of England in Building Construction, Theory and Practice.

In 1959, Allan immigrated to Canada and after spending his initial years in the construction industry, made a career change into distribution and material handling studying material handling and technology at Centennial and Seneca Colleges in Toronto. Until taking early retirement in 1992, he was the Distribution Operations Manager for a major North American pharmaceutical and consumer goods company located in Scarborough, ON.

Ill. Bro. Birnie was Initiated into Acacia Lodge No. 430 G.R.C., Toronto District 4, in 1977 and served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge from December 1982 to September 1984. He was an affiliated member of Universe Lodge No. 705 G.R.C. and a member of Heritage Lodge No. 730 G.R.C. He was an active member of his District and served several years as the District Benevolence Chairman. In January 1986, he was made a Fellow of the College of Freemasonry of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. In July 2002, Allan was elected District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto District 4.

Ill. Bro. Birnie joined the Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection in 1985, and in 1986 progressed to the Toronto Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix and the Moore Sovereign Consistory, Hamilton. Ill. Bro. Birnie served as Most Wise Sovereign of the Toronto Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix in 2001 and was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General 33°, on September 11, 2003, at the 129th Annual Sessions held in Windsor, ON. Ill. Bro. Birnie was received into the Royal Order of Scotland on October 26, 2013. He was a member of the Toronto Scottish Rite Club and the Oshawa Scottish Rite Club

In 1995, Ill. Bro. Birnie became a member of the Rameses Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. and the Rameses Temple Security Unit and held the position of Treasurer of the Greater Toronto Area Shrine Circus for several years. Allan was also a member of Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia Toronto College No. 20.

Allan was a very active volunteer in his community. For many years he volunteered with the Toronto Association for Community Living and was a Masonic Interpreter at Black Creek Pioneer Village.

Ill. Bro. Birnie was married to Brenda and between them they have four sons and one daughter and are the proud grandparents of nine grandchildren. When not involved with his family and Masonic activities, Ill. Bro. Birnie loved to go fishing and work in the garden.

Allan will be sadly missed. His memory will be revered, and his loss deplored.

ILL. BRO. LEONARD DOUGLAS **BISHOP**, 33°

The Valley of Fredericton was saddened to learn of the passing of Ill. Bro. Leonard Bishop, 33°, on April 23, 2023. Leonard was born in Chipman, NB on June 07, 1942. He was predeceased by the love of his life, Jeanette Edith (Rogers) Bishop.

Leonard worked as an insurance claims adjuster with NB Power and retired in 1996 after 30 years of service.

He a Mason at Grand Lake Lodge No. 47 on May 14, 1975, Raised to the Sublime Degree on September 11, 1975. R.W. Bro. Bishop served as Worshipful Master in Grand Lake Lodge in 1980, Senior Grand Deacon 1992, D.D.G.M. No. 6 1995-1997, he was Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Switzerland, served as Chaplain 1998. He did several lectures in the degrees and was part of the District 6 Degree Team for many years. Leonard received the Beardsley's award 1998.

Ill. Bro. Bishop received the 4th degree February 04, 1978, 18th degree March 11, 1978, 32nd degree October 21, 1978. He was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General, 33°, in Saint John on September 16, 1999. Leonard served as T.P.G.M 1991-1993 and M.W.S. 1999-2001. He was an active member for several years as the Assistant to the Deputy.

Leonard was received into the Royal Order of Scotland on October 11, 1990 and served as Provincial Grand Master 2014-2019.

ILL. BRO. WILLIAM MARSHALL **BLACK**, 33°

William Marshall Black of Kentville passed away peacefully on July 25, 2022 at the Valley Hospice. Born in Lawrence, Mass, USA on July 28, 1929; he was the only child of the late J. Reginald Black and M. Helen (Blanchard) Black. At the age of three months the family returned to Kentville where Marshall resided for the remainder of his life.

He graduated from Kings County Academy (On the Hill) and continued his education at the University of Kings College with a BA in 1951 and Dalhousie University Law School with a LLB in 1953. He was called to the Nova Scotia Bar later in 1953.

Marshall practised law with the law firm of Shaw, Waterbury and Black later Waterbury and Black in Kentville. He was appointed Judge of the Juvenile Court of Nova Scotia in 1961 - Chief Judge of the Family Court of Nova Scotia in 1984 and retired in July 1994. He served as interim Judge until May 2004. During his service with the Family Courts, membership on

the bench went from 4 in 1961 to 18 in 1994. He always kept in mind the welfare of the children, young people and families.

On June 18, 1955, Marshall married Lena Marie Webster and they were blessed with three children, Natalie (Robert) Maybank, Riverview, NB; Bill (Dorothy), Centreville and Sheri Black (Wilfred Barker), Kentville. Becoming the proud grandfather of five granddaughters, Jennifer Maybank (Ottawa); Dr. Allison Maybank (Halifax); Kaitlyn Black, Jessica Black (both of Centreville) and Emily Black (Windsor). He is also survived by his stepbrother, Robert Bishop, (Ottawa) his wife, Bernadette and son, Ewan. Additional survivors are nephews, David Webster (Alberta); Ken (Janice) Webster, Kentville and Steven (Gigi) Webster, Ottawa.

Marshall was a member of St. John's Anglican Church, Parish of Cornwallis and served as Warden. He was Past President of the Kentville Board of the VON and also delivered Meals on Wheels with Marie for several years. He served as Scout Master in Kentville and other positions provincially.

He was honoured recently by the Grand Master of Masons of Nova Scotia for 70 years of service in the Masonic Order, joining University Lodge in Halifax in 1952 and affiliated and present member of Kentville Lodge No. 58 serving as Worshipful Master in 1964. Marshall was a member of the Cornwallis Chapter No. 26 - High Priest in 1960 and Grand High Priest in 1967, Adorinam Council, No. 10 in Wolfville. He served as Most Puissant Grand Master, Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada 1978-79. Marshall was a member of Mount Zion Preceptory No. 73, Knight Templar in Kentville. Supreme Grand Master of Canada 1994-1996 and he joined the York Cross of Honour in 1967. Marshall was a member of the Red Cross of Constantine Conclave No. 8, Halifax and founding member of The Rupert H. MacNeill Conclave No. 30, Middleton. He was Grand Sovereign in 1986. He was a 50-year member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, a 33rd Degree Mason, and an active Member of the Annapolis Valley Scottish Rite Club. Marshall was a member of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar and a Past Grand Superintendent for Canada East, a past active member of the Order of DeMolay, a member of the York Rite Sovereign College and received the Order of the Purple Cross in 1993, an active Member of the Kentville Masonic Association, and last but not least he joined Marie as a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Evangeline Chapter No. 15 in Kentville serving as Worthy Patron.

Marshall and Marie enjoyed more than 60 years summering at the Black Shack at Hall's Harbour. The family claims he could BBQ a mean prime rib rolled roast in any season of the year whether in Kentville or Hall's Harbour.

ILL. BRO. CLARK STUART **BROOKS**, 33°

On May 21, 2024, Clark Stuart Brooks, a longtime member of the Valley of Hamilton, passed away peacefully in Brantford. Clark was born in Chatham, Ontario where he received both his primary and secondary school education. After completing his secondary school education Clark went on to graduate from the Business Course at Mohawk College in Hamilton, the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rocester, New York and the American Paper Institute in Arlington, Virginia. Clark then joined the Hamilton Spectator where he worked in distribution and human resources for thirty-seven years, retiring in 1994.

Clark was Initiated into Union Lodge No. 7 GRC in Grimsby on November 9, 1961. He was Passed to the Fellowcraft Degree on April 12, 1962 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on May 24, 1962. He served Union Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1972. Clark served as District Deputy Grand Master of Hamilton Masonic District B in 1981-82. He also served two terms on the Long-Range Planning Committee of Grand Lodge.

Clark joined Murton Lodge of Perfection on May 4, 1981, the Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix on April 8, 1982 and Moore Sovereign Consistory on May 12, 1984. He was Coroneted an Honorary

Inspector-General on September 11, 1997 at the Annual Session of Supreme Council held in Barrie, Ontario.

Clark was also very active in Capitular and Constantinian Masonry. He was exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch in 1963 in Grimsby Chapter No. 69 Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario. He served the Chapter as First Principal in 1971. He served as Grand Superintendent of District 7 of the Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario in 1976. Clark subsequently affiliated with McCallum-Grimsby Chapter No. 29 RAM. In Constantinian Masonry, he was installed in Harington Conclave No. 16 in 1976 and served as Most Puissant Sovereign in 1988. He served on the Grand Executive Committee from 1989 to 1993 and served in a number of positions on the Grand Executive culminating with his election as Grand Sovereign for Canada in 1997.

Clark was a long time member of Centennial Park Baptist Church in Grimsby and served as Chairman of the Board of Management and Finance and Chairman of the Expansion Committee. He is survived by his wife of sixty-seven years, Donna (nee Fletcher), his sons Kevin (Sue) and Keith (Elizabeth), five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

ILL. BRO. JAMES WILLIAMS **BURLEIGH**, 33°

Ill. Bro. Burleigh passed away at Prince County Hospital, Summerside, on Wednesday, June 12, 2024. A veteran of WW II, in his 99th year, beloved husband of the late Pauline (nee Jelley). James was born in Ellerslie on November 15, 1925, son of the late Lemuel and Pearl (Williams) Burleigh. Cherished dad to Paul (Barbara), East Bideford; Ann Burleigh, Halifax, NS; Heather (Dave) Rideout, Vancouver, BC; Georgia (Dave) Ellis, Summerside and loving grampie to Andrew, Sarah, Erin, Rebecca, Spencer, Laura, Matthew, Colleen, Gregory, Heather and to six great grandchildren.

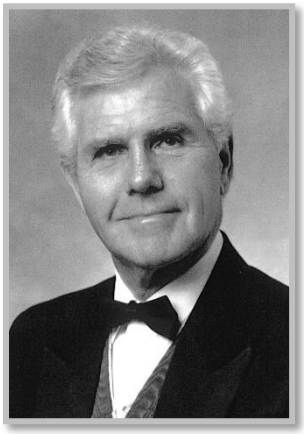
Ill. Bro. James Burleigh was Initiated as an Entered Apprentice on April 1, 1956 at Alexandra Lodge No. 5 in Port Hill, PE. He was Passed to the degree of Fellow Craft on June 7, 1956 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on July 5, 1956 eventually serving as Worshipful Master of his Lodge.

Ill. Bro. Burleigh received his 4° on May 31, 1960 and his 14° on October 25, 1960 at Albert Edward Lodge of Perfection. He received his 18° on September 17, 1974 at St. Lawrence Chapter of Rose Croix. On March 27, 1976, he received his 32° at Nova Scotia Consistory in Halifax, NS before being Coroneted 33° on September 7, 1978 in Moncton, NB. He held the office of Thrice Puissant Grand Master.

Ill. Bro. Burleigh was also a very active member of the Red Oak Shrine Club in Kensington, PE. He was even able to walk an entire parade in his late 80s dressed as a scarecrow. He was a welcome, friendly face and trusted friend throughout his Masonic journey. He will be greatly missed.

James was always a very involved member of the Fraternity and the community. He was a business owner running a general store for years in Ellerslie, PE. He served in the R.C.N.V.R., was a board member of the Centennial Commission in 1973, was a member of the Emergency Measures Organization of PEI. He also served as chairman of the local school board, chairman of the regional school board, secretary of the united school board, and President of the Prince Edward Island Association of School Boards before serving as a director of the Canadian School Trustees Association. He also served as a member of the Holland College Board of Governors.

ILL. BRO. ROBERT STANLEY **BYE**, 33°



Ill. Bro. Bob Bye, 33°, laid down his working tools on September 26th, 2023 in his 90th year. Bob married his loving wife Helen in March of 1967 and they enjoyed many years of love, life and travel. Helen pre-deceased Bob in 2010.

Bob was born in St. Thomas, Ontario to the late Stanley and Faye Bye on October 18, 1933.

While attending university in London he participated in the army division of the ROTC program and was selected one of the top cadets in Canada. After Bob graduated in 1967 he moved to Chatham On. And began a long and enjoyable career with the Chatham District School Board ( later amalgamated to Lambton Kent District School Board) . Bob was an active, dedicated teacher and certified Guidance Counsellor. Bob retired in 1998.

Bob was in Initiated into Victory Lodge No. 567 on October 15, 1963, Passed November 19, 1963 and Raised February 25, 1964.

Bob received is 14th degree April 10, 1965, his 18th degree October 10, 1966 and his 32nd degree at Moore Sovereign Consistory May 10, 1986.

Bob became an officer in Kent Chapter Rose Croix and rose through the chairs to become MWS in 1993-94. He later became Asst. Grand Secretary and Asst. Registrar a position he held until 2021 having served with distinction.

Bob was Coroneted an HIG 33rd degree in 2000.

After a long and distinguished career and a long-time involvement in Masonry in general and Chatham District and Chatham Valley, his knowledge, involvement, and input will be greatly missed.

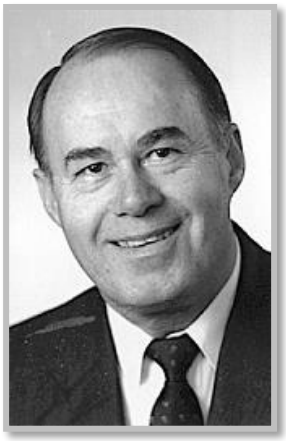
ILL. BRO. JAMES KERNAGHAN **CARLISLE**, 33°

Jim was born and raised in Woodstock. He was Initiated into King Solomon's Lodge No. 43 on 4 December 1962, Passed on 19 February 1963 and Raised on 16 April 1963. He served as Worshipful Master in 1979-1980. He joined Woodstock Lodge of Perfection on 01 November 1980, Rose Croix in London on 20 March 1982 and Moore Sovereign Consistory on 08 May 1982. He served as Most Wise Sovereign of Centennial Chapter Rose Croix in 1992-1993 and almost immediately thereafter took on the office of Grand Almoner, an office he held at the time of his death. He was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General in Toronto on 15 September 2005.

Jim was married to, and predeceased by, his wife Joyce and together they raised two children, Stephen (Andrea) and Joanne (Rob Davis). Jim took immense pride in his role as grandfather to Alicia, Mike, Sam and Andrew as well as great-grandfather to Chloe, Randy, Faith, Shayla, and Jake. His legacy of love will live on through them.

Jim's brethren at King Solomon's Lodge said "Jim was the best friend a Mason could have."

ILL. BRO. LOYD **DEARLOW**, 33°



It is with deep sadness that we announce that Ill. Bro. Loyd Dearlow, 33°, passed away peacefully in hospice at Surrey, BC on May 24, 2024.

Loyd was born in Vancouver, BC on June 14, 1931, where during and after finishing studies at Templeton High School, Loyd often spent his time on the golf course either caddying for extra cash or honing his own playing skills, hiking and skiing on Mt. Seymour or playing Pinochle with his friends.

He was actively involved with DeMolay, which brought him to a social event where he met Nancy which led to romance and their marriage in June 1959 in St. David's United Church in West Vancouver. Soon after their marriage they established a home in North Vancouver where they started raising a family, later relocating to Coquitlam in the mid 1970s.

Loyd led a career in the Structural Steel Sales and Fabrication business starting with Dominion Bridge selling wire rope when he was younger and finishing 25 years with Canron Steel as the Warehouse Sales and Canadian Steel Service Centre Manager until retirement in 1988. In his many years in the industry, Loyd played a role in some of the larger construction projects across Canada.

Loyd was Initiated on May 21,1953 in Zenith Lodge No. 104, of the Grand Lodge of BC & Yukon, Passed to the Fellow Craft Degree on September 17, 1953, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on October 29th, 1953. He served the Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1985-86. When Zenith Lodge surrendered its warrant in 1999, Loyd affiliated with Maple Leaf Lodge No. 74 which later became Heritage Lodge No. 63.

Loyd started his journey in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada in the Valley of Vancouver. He served as Most Wise Sovereign of the Vancouver Chapter of Rose Croix in 1984-85. Loyd was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General of the 33° on September 8th, 1988.

Loyd was also a Member of the Royal Order of Scotland, being admitted on May 7th, 1988.

Loyd was predeceased by his wife Nancy of 61 years (2021). He is survived by his children, Daniel (Kellie) and Teresa (Darren) and his grandchildren, Carly, Sean, Scott, and Brianna.

He was well respected by his brethren for his gentle and giving nature. Loyd will be sadly missed.

ILL. BRO. RONALD GRADON **DELINE**, 33°

Ill. Bro. Ronald Gradon Deline passed away peacefully on April 27, 2024, at the age of 89. Beloved husband of Edna for over 63 years. Loving Dad of Karen (Mike), Brenda (Art) and Paula (Greg). Proud Grandpa/Papa of Kimberley (Jamie), Bradley (Julie), Trevor, Dillon and Justin. Dear Great-Papa of Jake, Leah, Georgia and Gavin.

Ill. Bro. Ronald Deline was born in Toronto on November 3, 1934 and attended schools in the Toronto area graduating from Danforth Technical School. Ron joined the Globe and Mail as a Printing Plate Stereotyper and was employed there for some 10 years. He then attended Western University and General Motors Business College before entering into the automotive field with his brother which provided Ron with the opportunity to own and operate several successful Automotive Dealerships in the Greater Toronto Area for over 30 years.

Ill. Bro. Deline was Initiated into Masonry in Remembrance Lodge No. 586 GRC on April 30, 1971,

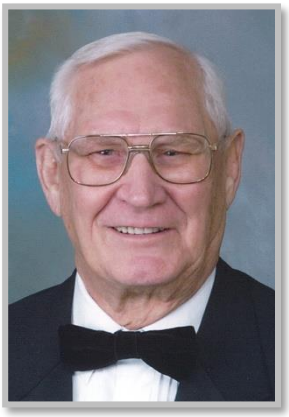
Passed to the Second Degree on June 11, 1971, and was Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on March 10, 1972. He served as the Worshipful Master of Remembrance Lodge in 1978-79 and was elected District Deputy Grand Master for Toronto District No. 7 in 1988. He was an Affiliated Past Master of Markham Union Lodge No. 87 GRC in Toronto District No. 4. In 1990, the Past Masters of Dufferin Lodge No. 570 GRC were contemplating handing in their Charter to Grand Lodge. At a meeting called to discuss this matter, R.W. Bro. Ron Deline proposed to those in attendance that they consider establishing Dufferin Lodge as a Daylight Lodge. This proposal was given careful study, and it was agreed by the members present, to follow through with the idea providing Ron would be its first Worshipful Master. He consented.

Ill. Bro. Deline joined the Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection on October 27, 1975, receiving the 14° on January 12, 1976, and continued into the Toronto Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix receiving the 18° at the Easter Ceremonies on April 18, 1976. On May 8, 1976, he received the 32° in the Moore Sovereign Consistory at Hamilton, Ontario. On May 18, 1989, at the Installation Ceremonies of the Toronto Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix, Bro. Ron was appointed Captain of the Guard. He steadily progressed through the various offices and on May 25, 1995, was installed as the Most Wise Sovereign. Ill. Bro. Deline was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General 33° on September 18, 1998, at the 124th Annual Session of Supreme Council held in Montreal. Ron was active in many degrees in the Valley of Toronto.

Ron was also a member of Mount Sinai Chapter No. 212 RAM and Rameses Shriners.

Ron loved sports and was a 42-year member of the York Downs Golf & Country Club where he had numerous friends. His love for horse racing was a lifelong passion. A perfect day would be a Sunday at the track. Ron was a great storyteller and had an incredible sense of humour. He had many friends from all areas of his life and was a very caring person. He loved his family and his family loved him so very much and will miss him dearly as will all his friends.

ILL. BRO. JOHN DOUGLAS **FALKINGHAM**, 33°



After a courageous battle with dementia, Ill. Bro. John Douglas Falkingham, 33˚, passed away on October 16, 2023 at the age of 93.

Doug was Initiated into Masonry in Rose Lodge No. 500 GRC on September 28, 1977 and was Raised to Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on February 8, 1978. Doug was a Past Master of Rose Lodge No. 500 GRC and served as their Chaplain and Secretary for many years. He received an appointment as a Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Ill. Bro. Falkingham joined the Windsor Lodge of Perfection on April 10, 1979 and received his 14th degree on April 21, 1979. He joined the Windsor Chapter of Rose Croix in November 1997. In 1980 he joined Moore Sovereign Consistory on May the 10th. At the 2003 Supreme Council Session he was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General.

Ill. Bro. Falkingham was the Windsor Valley Choir Director and Chairman of the Valley Make-up committee. He was also active with the Valley fundraising activities and director of the Windsor Valley Golf Tournament.

Doug was a very active member of the Mocha Shriners and the Shriner's Hospital Foundation was a favourite charity.

Ill. Bro. Falkingham was always ready to share a joke and a laugh with all he met.

He will be missed by all who knew him.

ILL. BRO. EARL NORTON **FIDLER**, 33°

Skip (aged 93) passed peacefully on March 14, 2024, at the Wales Home seniors residence in Cleveland, Quebec.

Earl Norton Fider Jr. was born August 17, 1928 in Sherbrooke, Quebec. He attended primary and secondary schools in Sherbrooke, Quebec, Mercersburg Academy, Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, and the University of New Brunswick.

He was employed by Dominion Textile Company Ltd. As a chemist, B.F. Goodrich Canada Ltd. As an industrial Engineer and by the Eastern Townships Regional School Board as their Purchasing Agent.

He married Doris Swanson on July 26, 1952. They had three daughters, Karen, Kathryn and Krista.

M.W. Bro. Fidler commenced his Masonic career in King Edward Lodge No. 78, A.F. & A.M. in 1957. He was elected Worshipful Master for the year 1966 and served as District Deputy Grand Master of St. Francis district for the year 1976-77. He was elected Deputy Grand Master in 1981 and subsequently Grand Master in 1983 and 84.

He joined Golden Rule Chapter No. 1 and, was exalted to the sublime mysteries of the Holy Royal Arch on the 19th day of June 1958. He served as First Principal of that Chapter for the years 1964 and 1966. He was appointed Grand Senior Sojourner of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec in 1970. He was received and anointed as an Anointed High Priest in The Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests of the Province of Quebec held in Sherbrooke, Quebec on the 30th day of July 1966.

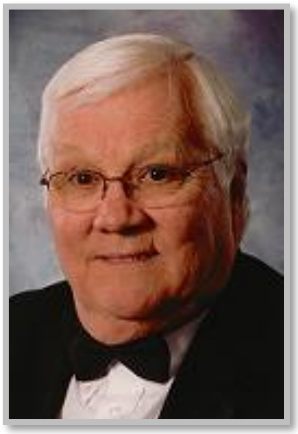
He joined Sussex Preceptory No. 9 on the 26th day of September 1959 and was solemnly received and proclaimed a Knight of the Order of the Temple on March 16, 1960. He served as Preceptor of this Preceptory during the year 1964.

Ill. Bro. Fidler was a 33° member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, holding membership in the Hochelaga Grand Lodge of Perfection, the Hochelaga Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix and the Montreal Consistory.

He was a member of Karnak Temple A.A.O.N.M.S.

He was received in The Royal Order in 1991.

ILL. BRO. ROBERT LEE **GILLMAN**, 33°



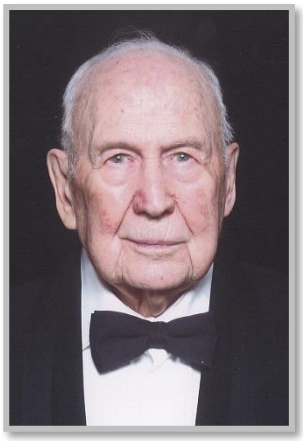
Bob was born May 29, 1939 to parents Marg and Herb Gillman in Fort William, Ontario. Bob entered the workforce at Loblaw's working his way to store management in Winnipeg Manitoba. Later he was offered a position as a sales representative with Procter & Gamble where he remained for 30 years until his retirement in 1996. He met the love of his life Lorraine in 1960. The two were married December 12, 1964 and remained happily married for 59 years. Bob passed away May 2nd, 2024 with his loving family by his side.

Left behind to mourn this tremendous loss are his wife Lorraine; children, Laura (John) Sobolta, Todd (Melodie) Gillman, and Kristin (Greg) Campagna; grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Carlie, Joshua, Hallie, Carson, Amelia, Matthew, and Sophia plus many great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Bill (Dale) Gillman; sisters-in-law, Judy Muloin and Sharon Zizman; brother-in-law Ron Zizman as well as numerous nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Bob was Initiated into Kaminstiquia Lodge No. 584 February 2, 1982. He served as its Master 2001 and 2002 and its Secretary from 2009 to 2012. July 20th, 2006, he was appointed to the position of Grand Steward after serving a year as the Algoma District Secretary. As a loyal member of the Valley of Thunder Bay Scottish Rite he was proud to be Coroneted as a 33° Honorary Inspector-General September 14th, 2006.

Bob was very active in his community for his entire life. He volunteered for numerous organizations such as ACT, the Alzheimer's Society, the Blues Festival, CLE, and the airshows in the late 90's. He was also heavily involved with the ski jumping community eventually becoming a technical delegate and certified judge for ski jumping at Big Thunder acting as chief of competition for many local events including the World Nordics in 1995. Finally, he loved spending time out at the family camp on Shebandowan, where he treasured the time spent with family and friends.

ILL. BRO. DONALD FREDERICK **HART**, 33°



In September 1943, Ill. Bro. Don Hart, (Born: Aug 18, 1918 - Passed to the GLA - Oct 4, 2023), at 25 yrs. old, joined Dominion Lodge No.117, in Edmonton. After his initiation, he started what would become his lifelong pattern of regular attendance at Lodge meetings, participation in special ceremonies, work on committees, leadership of projects, and enjoyment of social events with his brothers. Like all active Masons he wove these many obligations and activities into his equally active work and family life.

Within the Fraternity, in addition to membership in Dominion Lodge, Don pursued membership in many associated Masonic bodies.

In 1945, he joined North Star Chapter No. 2 of Royal Arch Masons. He received many designations including a 50 Year jewel. He was also a member of Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada – Royal & Select Masters and of the York Rite College of North America. In 2001, he became a member of Edmonton Preceptory No. 46. At 89 years old he was admitted to Northern Lights Tabernacle No. 130 of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests.

In 1951 he became a member of the Edmonton Valley of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. At 99 years old, he was Coroneted as a 33rd degree, Honorary Inspector-General. He had maintained his membership, mentorship, and activity with the Scottish Rite since 1951.

In that same year, 1951, he was installed as the Worshipful Master of Dominion Lodge.

In 1994 Don was appointed as a Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. He took pride in his accomplishment of visiting all but one Lodge North of Red Deer.

In 2000 - 2001, he was recognized by the Grand Lodge as a 50-year Past Master. He was also elected as the District Deputy Grand Master for the Athabasca District of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Don was recognized by Dominion Lodge as an Honorary Life member in 2006.

He was awarded a 60 Year Bar in 2003 and a 70 Year Bar in 2013. Earlier last year, on the exact date of his initiation, he was honored by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and his Brethren, as the first ever Alberta Freemason with 80 years of service within the Fraternity.

Don was very proud of his membership in Freemasonry and clearly it is an extensive history. He was a remarkable model to all of us of untiring dedication and inspiring spirit that he sustained well into the closing years of his life.

ILL. BRO. PHILIP HENRY **HENDERSON**, 33°

Ill. Bro. Philip Henry Henderson, 33°, passed on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at the age of 95 years. Born in Summerside, on September 8, 1928. Ill. Bro. Henderson and his wife, Georgina (deceased) toiled on the family farm in Margate, PE while raising nine children. Outside of farming and family, his 2 passions in life were investing on the stock market and his distinguished Masonic career.

Ill. Bro. Philip Henry Henderson, 33°, began his Masonic career at Mt. Zion Lodge No. 12 in Kensington, PE where he was Initiated as an Entered Apprentice on June 2, 1955, passed to the degree of Fellow Craft July 7, 1955 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on August 4, 1955. He served as Master of the Lodge in 1962 and worked his way through the offices of Grand Lodge becoming Grand Master of the A.F.& A.M. Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island for 1998-99.

He was made Royal Arch Mason March 10, 1987, Royal & Select Master in 1987, Knight Templar May 9, 1987.

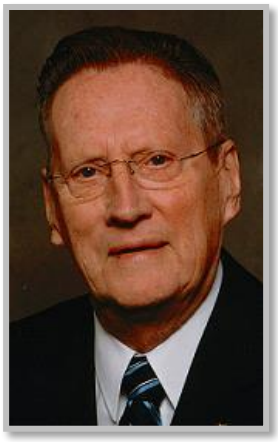
He received his 4° in March of 1960 at the Albert Edward Lodge of Perfection in Summerside, PE, his 14° in October, 1960 before receiving his 18° from St. Lawrence Chapter of Rose Croix now known as the Gordon L. Bennett Chapter of Rose Croix in Summerside, PE. He would receive his 32° March 16, 1974 at Nova Scotia Consistory in Halifax, NS. He served as T.P.G.M. in 1985 and was director of the 13° for over 20 years. He received his 33° Honorary Inspector-General on November 5, 2004 by Harold C. Crosby, PSGC. He received Royal Order of Scotland June 10, 1988 in Halifax, NS. He was also a valued member of the Red Oak Shrine Club in Kensington, PE for many years.

Apart from being Past Master of his Lodge and PGM for Prince Edward Island, he also held the following Masonic offices: Grand Representative to Grand Lodge of Newfoundland & Labrador; Grand High Priest (Hon.), 1997; High Priest, 1966; Order of Anointed High Priest, 1967; Grand Steward, 1980; District Grand Superintendent of District No. 5, 1983 and 1984; Grand Captain of the Host, 1989 and received the Grand Medal and Honor for Honorary Rank of Past Grand Captain of the Host in 1990 and 1996; District Grand Lecturer, 1990, Meritorious Service Award, 1994; Representative to Grand Chapter of Milwaukee, WI, 1994; joined Preceptory in 1987; Presiding Preceptor, 1990 and 1995; Provincial Grand Prior, 1995; Grand Sub Marshall, 1994; and Treasurer, Summerside Masonic Temple Co. Inc., 1989-2001.

Ill. Bro. Henderson was also honoured with the following: Founder's certificate of Appreciation, Grand Chapter of Newfoundland & Labrador, 1995; Honorary Rank, Most Excellent Companion, Royal Arch Chapter of Maine, 2001; Honorary Member, Grand Council, Royal and Select Master, Maine, 2001; Honorary Member, Past Commander Association of Maine, K.T., 2001; Member of Maine Chapter of Knights Preceptor, Honorary Member, Son Shem Council No. 17, Chateauguay, Quebec.

Ill. Bro. Henderson's presence was felt everywhere in Masonry. His loss to all these bodies is tremendous. His valuable council was always appreciated and he was admired and respected by all. Above all, he was a devoted family man and a friend to all.

ILL. BRO. WILLIAM LUNDGREN **HITE**, 33°



The Valley of Edmonton mourns the passing to the Grand Lodge Above of Ill. Bro. William “Bill” Lundgren Hite. 33°, Honorary Inspector-General.

William “Bill” Lundgren Hite, at 90 years of age, passed away in St. Albert on Thursday, May 16, 2024, after a recent decline in health.

Bill was born on October 14, 1933 to Beda and Jackson Hite in the City of Lloydminster. After Bill graduated from high school in Wetaskiwin in 1951, he worked a few brief jobs before joining Canadian Utilities in 1954. After 35 years of service, Bill retired at age 55.

In 1954, Bill met Naoma while attending Young Peoples at St. Andrews United Church and the couple married in 1959. Bill and Naoma “Nomy” went on to have three children, Shauna (Pat), Cameron (Cindy), and Brent (Kerry). Bill leaves behind his three children; grandchildren, Kane (Luisa), Ashley (Leo), Katie (Clayton), Ethan, Gage (Ali), Zachary (Paige), Chelsea (John), and Aiden; great-grandchildren, Tristan, Peyton, Avery, Trevor, Maverick, and Shay; and special stepdaughter, Pearl (Brock). Bill will be missed by many nieces and nephews, close friends, and sisters-in-law, Fran, and Kaye. Bill was predeceased by his wife, Nomy, in February of 2016.

After retirement in 1989, Bill and Nomy traveled across Canada and throughout retirement Bill remained active in Kinsmen/K40’s, Masons/Shriners, and St. Albert United Church. He lived a large life, had many close friends in the community and was always teasing and generating laughter around him. He will be remembered for his kind and caring nature and will be deeply missed by all.

Brother Hite was Initiated into Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142, GRA, on September 15th, 1977. He was Passed on October 20, 1977, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on November 17, 1977. He progressed rapidly through the chairs and was installed as Worshipful Master of Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142 in 1983. He served as Lodge Treasurer from 1997 to 2006.

Bill served on the Finance Committee of Grand Lodge (Alberta) and was appointed Jr. Grand Deacon 1993/94. He was appointed representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta to the Grand Lodge of Sweden in May of 1999.

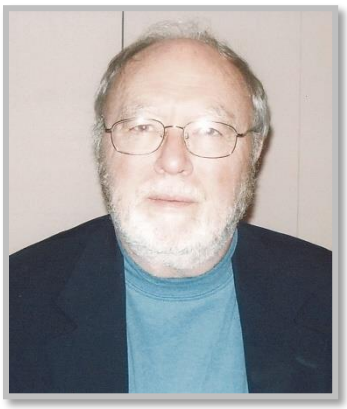
Ill. Bro. Hite was received into the Edmonton Lodge of Perfection on February 8th, 1980, the Mizpah Chapter Rose Croix on April 3rd, 1980, and the Alberta Consistory on October 31, 1980. He took various parts in the degrees and was Director of the 13th degree for several years.

He received the Royal Order of Scotland on May 6, 2020, in Edmonton. He started through the chairs in Lodge of Perfection shortly after receiving the 32nd degree, but for personal and work reasons was unable to continue. Bill was Coroneted 33°, Honorary Inspector-General, in Halifax in 2006.

Bill was also an active member of St. Albert United Church and a past Charter President and Life Member of the Association of Kinsmen Club.

Bill, and his dedication, passion and sense of community will be fondly remembered and missed by all.

ILL. BRO. DOUGLAS WILLIAM **JAGGES**, 33°



Doug was born in Trenton on January 24, 1936. After attending Trenton High school, Doug earned his Chartered Accountant designation. In 1956 he married Margaret, a union that lasted for 67 years. They had four daughters who produced eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

In 1964 Doug and Marg moved to Barrie and Doug commuted to work in Toronto until he became Treasurer of the City of Barrie. He also served as an Alderman, and he was involved in the establishment of both the Allandale Recreation Centre as well as the conversion of the old hospital into Victoria Village Manor. He was rewarded with both an exercise room at the Allandale Recreation Centre and a city street being named after him. Doug then established his own accounting practice, servicing clients in the Barrie area. He officially retired when he sold his practice to Smith and Lassaline.

Doug was a lover of the outdoors and camping, canoeing and RV-ing with his family and extended family was a large part of his life. He also enjoyed woodworking and making wine. Dinners and visits with friends, where some of his wine was consumed, always ended up with a game of cards, usually Euchre but occasionally Taxi and other games.

In Masonry, Doug was Initiated into Corinthian Lodge No.96 in Barrie on June 4,1981, Passed November 12, 1981, and Raised October 2, 1982. He served as Worshipful Master in 1991-92, and he was appointed the Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1997-98.

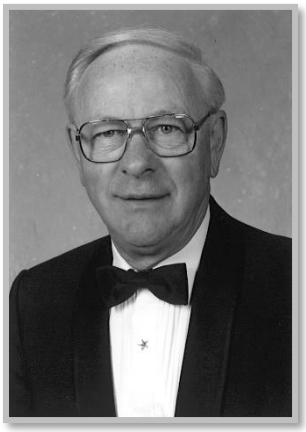
Doug joined the Barrie Lodge of Perfection on October 8, 1986, Spry Chapter of Rose Croix on October 31, 1987, and the Barrie Consistory on November 14, 1987. Doug was appointed an Honorary Inspector-General, 33° on September 15, 2005, in Toronto. He received the most prestigious John Ross Matheson Award in 2011 at the Annual Session of Supreme Council in Thunder Bay – the first member from this Valley to be so honoured.

Doug was also the prime mover in the founding of the SRCF Barrie Learning Centre and served as Treasurer for many years. He was appointed Treasurer Emeritus on his retirement.

Doug passed to the Grand Lodge above on December 30, 2023, aged 87 years and 11 months.

We cherish his memory in our hearts.

ILL. BRO. DONALD EDWARD **JONES**, 33°



Ill. Bro. Donald Edward Jones passed away on August 26, 2023 with his beloved wife, Florence R. (nee Farquar), by his side. Ill. Bro. Jones was born on March 12, 1930 in Peterborough, ON. He was the father of Pamela Morin (Giles deceased), Grandfather to Rodney Forsyth (Joanne), Byron Mulligan (Stacey) and Richard Mulligan (Tracey) and Great Grandfather to Alycia, Bethany, Tia, Kate, Gregory and Wyatt.

His lifetime vocation until his retirement in 1995 was in the Heating, Air Conditioning and Ventilation business. He owned and operated his own company during that time. A man of deep and abiding faith, Donald devoted much of his spare time to ministry and music. He provided pulpit supply and his musical talent in many Peterborough area churches, as well as in many senior citizens and retirement homes. He continued his efforts as a lay-minister until within a few months of his passing.

Donald was Initiated, Passed and Raised in Norwood Lodge A.F. & A. M. No. 223 G. R. C., receiving his Master Mason degree on February 11, 1963. He served the lodge as Worshipful Master in 1971 and became a life member of that lodge in 1976. At the time of his passing, he was an affiliated member of Clementi Lodge No. 313 G. R. C.

In our Scottish Rite, he was a member of the Peterborough Lodge of Perfection as of November 23, 1964 and of the Peterborough Chapter of Rose Croix as of April 15, 1965. He served the Chapter as Most Wise Sovereign in 1983-1984. He received conferral of his 32° at Moore Sovereign Consistory, Hamilton on May 7, 1966. Donald was recognized as an excellent ritualist who either directed or participated in numerous degrees of the Scottish Rite in Peterborough and as one of the central characters of the 26° in Hamilton. His dedicated participation characterized his membership in all Masonic bodies to which he belonged. It led to his receipt of conferral of the 33° in 1995. Characteristically, he was one of Peterborough Valley's stalwart honorary members of Supreme Council.

He was also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine of Rameses Temple, Toronto (1995) and a life member of the Kawartha Shrine Club.

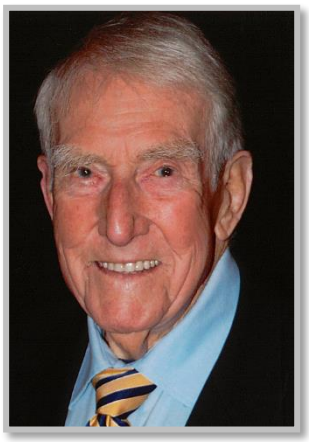
In the Order of the Eastern Star, Donald served the Grand Chapter of Ontario, as Worthy Patron in 1994-1995. He received an appointment to serve a three- year term for the General Grand Chapter, Canadian Provinces as their Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Chairman in 2000-2003. He was a life member of Peterborough Chapter No. 161, and was in his 40th year of membership.

Donald was also a life member of Lions Clubs International for 67 years.

At the time of his passing Donald was an active member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Norwood.

Ill. Bro. Donald Edward Jones, 33°, has left a great legacy of service to his family, Freemasonry and his community. May it, and his request that we "do something kind to someone who needs it", inspire the many who will mourn his passing and celebrate his life.

ILL. BRO. KEITH YARDLEY **LAY**, 33°



Ill. Bro. Keith Yeardley Lay, 33° was born in England on Sept. 19, 1925 and Passed to the Grand Lodge Above on March 18, 2024. He saw military service in Britain during World War II, flying as air crew in the Fleet Air Arm, Royal Navy 1943-1946. He came to Canada in 1950 where he eventually met his future wife, Wilca (Wilhelmina) whom he married in 1977. Keith worked in several places in sales and marketing and was also involved in Anglican Church activities in Niagara Falls.

He was Initiated in 1976, Passed in 1976 and Raised in 1977 all in his home lodge, Burlington Lodge No. 165, in Burlington, ON. He became a member of Scottish Rite Masonry at Murton Lodge of Perfection in Hamilton in 1977 where he also received his 14° in 1978. He received his 18° Chapter of Rose Croix in Niagara Valley in 1995 and his 32° at Moore Sovereign Consistory in Hamilton in 1997. He was a very active member of Palmer Lodge No. 372 in Fort Erie, serving as Worshipful Master 1999-2000. Keith was as a very faithful attender and participant at all Scottish Rite events in Niagara Valley where he served as T.P.G.M in 2012-2013 (at age 87). He was made a Royal Arch Mason in Hugh Muray Chapter No. 184 in Fort Erie in 1997 and was also an active Shriner and keen golfer at Niagara-on-the-Lake. Ill. Bro. Lay was Coroneted as an Honorary Inspector-General in London in 2018.

ILL. BRO. MURRAY WILLIAM **LEE**, 33°

Ill. Bro. Murray William Lee, 33°, passed to the Grand Lodge Above at Jessica's House Hospice on May 23, 2024. He is survived by his loving wife and best friend of 62 years Jeanie Lee (Sutherland) who was his continual support through this journey.

Born April 29, 1938 in Maple Lodge Ontario, Murray was a gentle man who was raised as a farm boy with a hard work ethic that continued through his successful dairy farming career and in semi-retirement. His love of the land could always be seen in the lawn and gardens around his home (no dandelions on that lawn).

Murray was a lifelong member of Carlisle United Church where he served in several capacities and shared many happy and rewarding times with his church family. Those lasting friendships were treasures that spanned many decades.

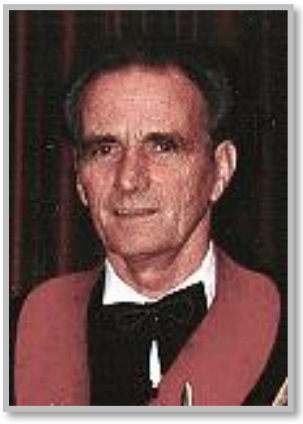
Murray had a passion for model trains and antique cars. He spent untold hours tinkering with the train set-up in his basement and cultivated his interest in classic cars through the Shriners classic car group. He had a love of sports having played baseball in his youth and for watching, the Toronto Blue Jays and the Toronto Maple Leafs were at the top of the list.

Ill. Bro. Lee was Initiated in Craig Lodge No. 574 G.R.C., Ailsa Craig, Ontario on June 4, 1963 where he served as Worshipful Master in 1974 and again in 1981. He was elected District Deputy Grand Master, South Huron District for 1986/1987 and was the Chairman/Director of the South Huron Past District Deputy degree team.

In Scottish Rite Masonry, he received his 4th degree in the London Lodge of Perfection March 19, 1976, his 18th degree in the London Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix October 23,1976 and his 32nd degree in Moore Sovereign Consistory May 7, 1977. He served as Thrice Puissant Grand Master of London Lodge of Perfection in 1997. He was Coroneted Honorary Inspector-General 33º on September 15, 2005 in Toronto, Ontario.

Murray was a member and Past First Principal (1986) of Minnewawa Chapter, No. 78, Parkhill, Ontario. He was also a member of Exeter Chapter No. 222 Order of the Eastern Star for fifty years serving as Worthy Patron on numerous occasions. He joined Mocha Shrine in 1978 and was a member of Mocha Shrine classic car unit. These fraternal connections fostered many long lasting and cherished friendships which remained until his last day.

ILL. BRO. KEVIN JOHN PETER **LINEGAR**, 33°



Kevin Linegar passed to the Grand Lodge above on May 6, 2024, suffering from the effects of severe dementia.

Kevin was born on Bell Island, Newfoundland on March10, 1944, and attended St. Kevin's Boys School in Gould, Newfoundland.

A warm and gregarious individual, Kevin worked as a paper salesman for Domtar for 28 years and then started his own commercial printing company in Keswick, Ontario.

Kevin was Initiated (June 1971), Passed (September 1971), and Raised (October 1971) in Minerva Lodge No. 304, Stroud, Ontario, and served as Secretary from 1984 – 1989 and then Worshipful Master in 1989. He was a charter member of Innisfil Lodge No. 737 and was also a member of Malone Lodge No. 512 – serving as Worshipful Master in 1997. He affiliated with Rowland Lodge No. 636 in

2001, and Delta Lodge No. 634 in 2015 serving as Secretary in 2015, and affiliated with Beaver Lodge No. 83 in 2018, serving as Secretary.

Kevin was elected as District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto District No. 6 (now York District) in 2001.

Kevin joined the Barrie Valley of Scottish Rite Masonry and received his 14th degree in 1980, his 18th degree in 1984, and 32nd degree in 1996. He served as T.P.G.M. in 2005 and was Coroneted a 33rd degree Honorary Inspector-General in 2008.

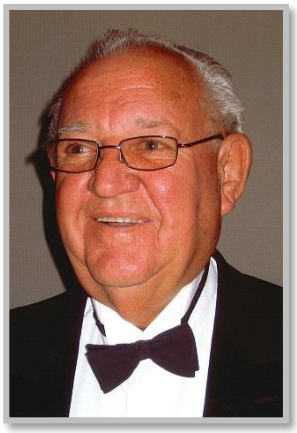
As his very busy Masonic Resume suggests, Kevin never hesitated to step up whenever needed and could always be counted on to take on any task.

When meeting or greeting Kevin, you could always count on a warm smile, a hearty handshake and a sample of his wonderful sense of humor.

Sadly, Kevin lived the last couple of years of his life as a stranger in his own home, not even able to recognize his own family.

We will cherish his memory in our hearts.

ILL. BRO. JOHN KENNETH **LOWERY**, 33°



Ill. Bro. John Kenneth Lowery, 33°, passed away on March 6, 2024. Ken was born in Toronto on March 29,1935 and graduated from Monarch Park High School. Ken served as a craftsman in the Corps of Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (Reserve) at St. Partick Armoury Toronto from 1951 to 1954. Ken held various jobs in different fields before settling with the Government of Canada, Customs & Excise Division. He was employed there for thirty-five years in several capacities, the last five years as Superintendent of Investigations based primarily in the USA and Canada. He retired in May 1988. He owned and operated a small taxi business in Mississauga for six years but sold it when his son Mitchell moved to Alberta. Ken also was the co-owner with Evelyn of Chenrezzi Dog Kennels.

Ken married Sheila Jarrett in September of 1956. They had two sons Steven, born May 1957, and Mitchell, born April 1959. Sheila passed away from cancer. Ken married Evelyn Glenfield in July, 1966. They have one son Peter, born February, 1970. Peter is a member of the Craft, a father of two sons and is a Detective on the Halton Regional Police Force. Steven, graduated from Royal Military College in Kingston and served twenty -five years in the military before retiring in 2004. Mitchell worked for Shell Oil in the oil fields in Aruba, USA and Alberta before being permanently disabled with diabetes. Ken was the proud grandfather of six and made annual trips to Edmonton to visit the four grandchildren living there.

Ill. Bro. Lowery began his Masonic career in 1975 when he joined and became a life member of Harris Lodge No. 216 G.R.C. in Orangeville Ontario. On moving to Brampton, he affiliated with Peel Lodge No. 468 G.R.C. in 1991 and was installed as Worshipful Master in 1993. He affiliated with Dufferin Daylight Lodge No. 570 G.R.C. in 1995 and served as Worshipful Master in 2000. He received an appointment as Grand Steward in 1997. Ken was a Fellow of the College of Freemasonry of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

On October 8, 1996, Ill. Bro. Lowery joined the A.&.A.S.R. of Freemasonry of Canada receiving the 4th degree in the Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection and the 14th degree on January 14, 1997. He received the 18th degree in the Toronto Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix on March 30, 1997, and the 32nd degree in Moore Consistory, Hamilton on May 4, 1997. Ill. Bro. Ken Lowery was installed as Thrice Puissant Grand Master, Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection on May 9, 2006. Ken was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General at the 134th Annual Session of Supreme Council in Vancouver on September 11, 2008. Ken was active in several of the Valley degrees particularly enjoying being part of the Valley of Toronto 21st

Degree Team. Ken also directed the 14th degree for several years. Ken was active in the Toronto Scottish Rite Club.

Ken was active in York Rite Masonry, serving with distinction in the many offices he held. Ken was a Past President of Kingsway Shrine Club, a division of Rameses Temple.

His cheerful smile and greetings will be missed by his family, his friends and his Masonic Brethren.

ILL. BRO. JOHATHAN DAVID **MCCONNELL**, 33°

The Brethren of the Valley of Peterborough were deeply saddened by the sudden passing of Ill. Bro. Jonathen (Jon) David McConnell on May 3, 2024.

Jon was born on January 12, 1955. He was married to Beverly and was father of Liza and Steven van de Hoef and James and Andrea McConnell, a Papa of Luke, Jillian, Amber, Carter and Cora. He was the brother of James and Donna McConnell.

Jon was co-owner of the McConnell Funeral Home for over forty years, being a licensed funeral director since 1977. He was Initiated into Marmora Lodge No. 222 in 1979 and Passed and Raised in the same year. He served as Worshipful Master of the lodge in 1988. Jon served as Prince Edward District Secretary in 1989 and was appointed Grand Steward in 1990. He also served as Worshipful Master of Tweed Lodge No. 239 in 1994. The amalgamation of Marmora, Madoc and Tweed Lodges in 2002 resulted in the formation of Madoc, Marmora, Tweed Lodge No. 48 in 2002, eventually culminating in a later name change to Central Hastings No. 48. Jon served the lodge as Secretary for the past two years.

Ill. Bro. McConnell joined the Peterborough Lodge of Perfection and the Peterborough Chapter of Rose Croix in March of 1986. He received conferral of his 32° in Moore Sovereign Consistory, Hamilton in May of 1986. He served the Chapter of Rose Croix as Most Wise Sovereign in 1995-1996. He participated in the conferral of the 18th degree for many years up to the current year's spring reunions. He also joined Rameses Shrine in 1986 and became a charter member of the Trent Valley Shrine Club.

Jon was a man of faith, serving on committees at St. Andrew's United Church in Marmora and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Tweed. He was a volunteer staff member of Echo Lake Youth Camp for over forty years. He coached minor hockey, served on council committees and served on the Marmora Fire Department for a number of years, achieving the rank of Captain. He also served as a member of the Tweed Fire Department.

In what little spare time he had, Jon loved riding motorcycles, playing hockey, water skiing and using his tractor. He exercised hard and regularly over many years, making his passing while playing in a hockey game so much more shocking to us all.

Jon had many friends, the reward for a lifetime of service to his profession, his churches, his community and to our fraternity. He will be missed but certainly not forgotten.

ILL. BRO. GEORGE MURRAY **MCILVEEN**, 33°

Murray was born in Ottawa September 23, 1929 and passed away peacefully at the Kemptville General Hospital on December 23, 2023. Murray, in his 95th year, was the loving husband of the late Joan McIlveen (Turner) for 49 years. He was the loving father of David (Donna), Janet (Jeff) and Judy (Julio). He was Grandpa to Zoë, William (Nellie), Sara (Mychal) and Thomas (Cara); Great Grandpa to Khloe, Elizabeth, Kinslee, Maggie, Edward, Tillie and Abby. Raised in Cardinal Ontario, Murray graduated from Queens University in 1951 with a BA in Mathematics and Economics and then obtained his Chartered Accountant designation. Married in 1958, Murray and Joan moved to Ottawa, where they raised their family and where Murray worked with Revenue Canada and then Statistics Canada, retiring in 1990. Connections with Cardinal, cousins in Vernon Ontario, and the family cottage along the "Front", remained strong with him throughout his life. For many years, Murray was an active member at Westminster Presbyterian Church Ottawa, where he was both an Elder, on the Board of Managers and a member of the choir. After moving to Spencerville, he joined St. Andrew's-Knox Presbyterian Church.

Looking to expand his community involvement, Murray became a Mason in 1961 becoming the Master of Ionic Lodge in 1969, then Treasurer, and was a member for over 60 years. He joined the Scottish Rite in March 1965 and achieved the 32° in May 1975. He was Coronetted Honorary Inspector-General in 1986, having served as TPGM. Murray was also a Shriner and Treasurer of Tunis Temple.

ILL. BRO. JOHN ROSS **MCINTYRE**, 33°

Ill. Bro. John Ross McIntyre, 33°, passed to the Grand Lodge Above on December 25,2023.

Ill. Bro. McIntyre was born June 10th,1941 in the Hamlet of Houghton Centre, Ontario. He received his primary education at S.S. No.2 Public School and furthered his education at Tillsonburg District High School. He was raised on a tobacco farm and left home in 1958 to accept a position with Canadian Westinghouse in London, Ontario. After seven years his desire for further education led him to obtain a Graduation Diploma in Data Processing. He then joined the Ford Motor Company in Talbotville, Ontario in 1967 working in the Controller's office writing computer programs and operating various types of computers. After 30-plus years of service he retired January 1st, 1998.

His sons' interest in playing hockey in Belmont led Ross to take an active part in Belmont Minor Hockey, attending coaching clinics and First Aid courses. As part of the Executive Committee, he managed the Pee Wee Travelling Team for six years and oversaw fund raising, which included monthly bingo nights and various other projects.

Ill. Bro. McIntyre's Masonic career began with his initiation into Centennial Lodge No. 684 in 1967, serving as Worshipful Master in 1982. He also served as the lodge secretary for ten years (1992 - 2001) and as Director of Ceremonies. In July 2009 he was elected as the District Deputy Grand Master for the London East District.

He was made an honorary member of St. Thomas Lodge No. 44 in 1990 and helped initiate their Annual Steak BBQ. As secretary for Centennial Lodge, he converted the outdated data base he inherited to more current software, writing the programs required. He assisted the secretaries of St. Thomas Lodge No.44 and St. Marks No.94 to set up and their own computer systems. He was also president and treasurer in the 1982 Masters Group.

In Scottish Rite Masonry Ill. Bro. McIntyre joined the London Lodge of Perfection April 19, 1968 and was Thrice Puissant Grand Master in 1992. He joined the London Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix March

21, 1970 and Moore Sovereign Consistory November 6, 1971. He was Coroneted Honorary Inspector-General 33° on September 13, 2001 in London, Ontario.

In the London Valley he was member of the London Valley Consistory Club and an active member of the 5th, 7th, 11th, 12th, 14th, and 17th degrees. He has been the Installing Officer for the London Lodge of Perfection in both the closed and open installation ceremonies. He worked in the robing section of the Production/Property Committee for over 30 years.

He joined Mocha Temple in 1974 where he was active in the Alumni Unit and a member of the St. Thomas Hi-Ro Shrine Club and Aylmer Shrine Club.

He is survived by his wife Noreen (nee Whiteside), his daughter, Kim, and twin sons, Kevin and Bill.

ILL. BRO. CHARLES ROBERT **MCKEE**, 33°

The Valley of Barrie lost a dear, dedicated and hardworking Mason on Thursday, December 14th, 2023. Beloved husband of Colleen. Dear father of Scott (Lela), Steven, Jeffery (Chandra) and Jessica (Mike). Cherished Grandpa of Mya, Griffin, Evelyn, Gavin, Jaden, Madison and Jack. He is remembered by his brother Greg (Diana), Colleen's family, and by other relatives and many friends.

Bob was born August 21st, 1950, at the Dufferin Area hospital in Orangeville. Bob grew up in Mulmur township (Whitfield) on the McKee family farm attending Whitfield Elementary School and later Shelburne High School. Following graduation, Bob was accepted into the Guelph University Engineering program and graduated in 1973. Growing up in the Whitfield area, Bob came to know Colleen whose family also farmed in the area. Their relationship developed through their high school years and eventually Colleen also moved to Guelph to attend nursing school where they enjoyed post-secondary school life together. In 1971, Bob and Colleen were married; from here they developed and grew their family and lives in the Orangeville community.

Bob was very engaged in his church, Westminster United Church and the local community. With his children, he was supportive of their engagement in local sports teams and community organizations. In his career Bob was dedicated to the success, growth and development of a local construction business called Avertex Utility Solutions. Bob and Colleen were supportive of many local charities and took special interest in supporting the Headwater's Health Care Foundation. Bob gave generously and wholeheartedly to his family, friends and community.

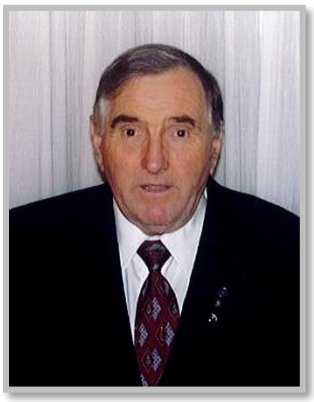
Throughout his life Bob was a member and supporter of the local Masonic and Shriners organizations. He was Initiated into Lorne Lodge No. 377 on January 5th 1973, Passed April 6th 1973 and Raised to a Master Mason on May 4th 1973. Bob served as Worshipful Master for Lorne Lodge in 1982-1983 and was Elected and Installed as District Deputy Grand Master for Grey District in 1997-1998. On October 12th, 1978, Bob was made a Royal Arch Mason of Prince Edward Chapter No. 218 in Shelburne and served as First Principal in 1984 and again in 1990. Bob was made a Knight Templar in Victoria Preceptory No. 10 in Guelph on May 16, 1980. He was also a member of Tecumseh Shrine Club.

Bob joined Scottish Rite Masonry and received his 4th degree on September 20, 1991, his 14th degree on September 21, 1991, his 18th degree on October 22, 1994 and his 32nd degree on April 19th, 1997 in the Valley of Barrie Lodge of Perfection, Spry Chapter Rose Croix and Barrie Consistory in Barrie, Ontario. Bob was nominated and Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General 33° on September 14th, 2006 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, at the 132nd Annual Session of Supreme Council. A strong supporter of the Scottish Rite in Canada, Bob was a regular attendee and participant at Barrie's reunions as a cast member in the 13th and 31st degrees and Supreme Council's annual meetings.

A celebration of Bob's life was held at the Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre, Orangeville on Tuesday, December 19th, 2023. A tree will be planted in memory of Bob in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. 22nd Annual Dedication Service will be held on Sunday, September 8, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

Bob will be sadly missed in the community that he served, in the church and by all the members of Freemasonry whose lives he touched.

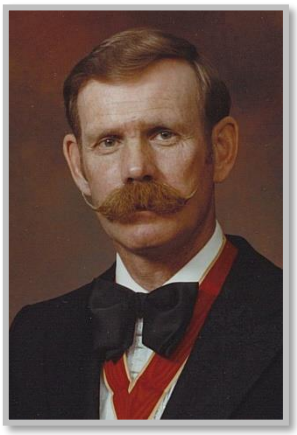
ILL. BRO. WILLIAM JAMES **MILLER**, 33°



Ill. Bro. William James Miller, formerly of Mooretown, resident of Thompson Gardens, Corunna, passed away on Friday, September 15, 2023 at Bluewater Health, Sarnia. Beloved husband of Lois Miller (nee Bruton) for 61 years. Loving father of Heather Freer, David (Deborah) Miller and Steven (Kerri) Miller. Cherished grandfather of Alyssa (Jason Stark) Freer, Kayla (Adam) McPhedran, Sarah Miller, Justine Miller, Garrett Miller. Great-grandfather of Kennady and Elliot Stark, Hadley, Charlotte and Oliver McPhedran. Dear brother of Gloria (late Joseph) McLaughlin. Survived by sisters-in-law Kathryn (Bo) Petroff, Lynn (Jim Miller) Moore as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. Predeceased by his parents James and Mary (nee Marsh) Miller as well as his siblings John (Betty) Miller, June (Ivan) Fowler, Charles Miller.

Bill lived all his life on the 6th Line, farming and spending time with his 6th line community friends. He was a member of 6th Line United Church and sang in the church choir and enjoyed going to local jamborees where he enjoyed playing fiddle. He was a member of the Brigden optimist, and enjoyed spending time curling, playing baseball, hockey and was an avid Toronto Blue Jays Fan. He was involved with the Mooretown Flags executive, enjoyed coaching sports and was a constant critic of the officiating of all sports games, especially his kids and grandkids. Bill was a 50-year member of the Leopold Masonic Lodge in Brigden and was involved with the Lambton Shriners. Ill. Bro. Miller was a member of Sarnia Lodge of Perfection, London Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix, and Moore Sovereign Consistory in Hamilton. He received his 33rd degree in Ottawa, Ontario in 2007.

ILL. BRO. STANLEY ROSS **MOUSER**, 33°

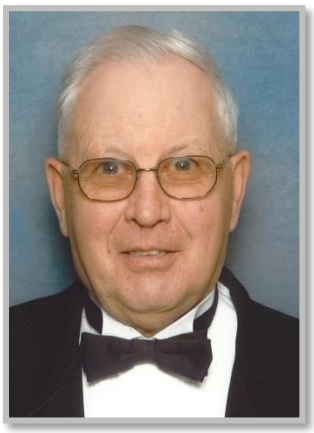


Our shepherd is laid to rest. Stanley Ross Mouser a lifelong resident of Claresholm passed peacefully on Monday 30 October 2023 at the age of 90. For all but a few of those years he lived and worked on the Salmon-Mouser farm, shepherding it to an Alberta Century Farm Award in 2007 for 100 years of continuous family operation. He served and/or lead the boards of several organizations including the Canadian Cooperative Woolgrowers, The Canadian Sheep Breeders Association, The Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission, and the Sheep Committee of the Calgary Stampede. Ross' abundant moustache made him easily recognizable whether he was on the streets of Claresholm, judging livestock at a major event like the Royal Winter Fair, or attending activities related to Freemasonry. His commitment as a leader and volunteer earned him recognition that included being a Life Member of the Calgary Stampede and many Masonic honours. Until his later years Ross remained active as a leader in many Masonic organizations across the province including holding chairs in the Scottish Rite, Royal Arch, Royal Order of Scotland, and the Chinook Arch District. Ross is survived by his loving wife Marilyn (nee Murdoch); sons Scott (Danette) and Doug (Julia); grandchildren Lauren, William, Shayla and Angus; sister Joyce (Maurice) Coughlin, and brother Allan (Betty) Mouser. Ross is predeceased by this sister Joan Honecker and brother Jim Mouser. A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, November 4, 2023, at Zentner Funeral Homes- 4079 1st Street West – Claresholm, Ab at 11:00 A.M. Ross's Masonic journey began in Stavely Lodge No. 33 where he

took his first degree on the 19th of March 1964 was Passed to the second degree on 5th of May 1964 and Raised to the 3rd degree on the 5th of Jun 1964. He was made a Royal Arch Mason on the 8th of March 1967 in Tau Cross Chapter No. 16. He served as Worshipful Master of his Lodge in 1969. He was appointed Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Alberta in 1978. He served as District Deputy of District No. 9 G.R.A. in 1990. Ross received his 4th degree on the 17th of April 1970 in Lethbridge Lodge of Perfection, the 14th degree on the 23rd of October 1971 in the Lethbridge Lodge of Perfection. He received his 18th degree on the 8th of April 1991 in the Chinook Chapter of Rose Croix in Lethbridge. Doug received his 32nd degree on the 11th of November 1972 in the South Alta Consistory.

Ross Served as Thrice Puissant Grand Master in 1978 in the Lethbridge Lodge of Perfection. Most Wise Sovereign of Chinook Chapter in Lethbridge in 1985 and 1986 and as Commander in Chief of South Alta Consistory in Calgary in 1984. Ross received the Royal Order of Scotland on the 5th of May 1984 in Edmonton. Ross was Coroneted a 33° Honorary Inspector-General on the 10th of September 1992 by J. V. Lawer at Saskatoon Saskatchewan. He has laid down his working tools and we seek comfort in knowing that Illustrious Brother Ross Mouser is in safe and warming hands.

ILL. BRO. DONALD ALFRED **MUNRO**, 33°



Ill. Bro. Donald Alfred Munro was born: August 15th, 1936 in Vernon, B.C. and passed on December 9th, 2023 in Kamloops, B.C.

He was Initiated October 13th, 1964, Passed November 16th, 1964, and Raised December 17th,1964 in Kamloops Lodge No. 10.

Bro. Munro was an active member of the Masonic Lodge throughout his career in Freemasonry. He received his 50-year jewel in 2014 and was scheduled to receive his 60-year service award in 2024. He attained 59 years of commendable service to the Craft, a remarkable achievement!

Bro. Munro was an active member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Canada. In 1969 and 1970, he received his 4th to the 14th degrees in the Okanagan Lodge of Perfection, the 15th to the 18th degrees in Moray Chapter Rose Croix and his 30th, 31st and 32nd degrees in the BC Consistory in Vancouver. He was a Charter Member of the Thompson Valley Lodge of Perfection and the Thompson Chapter Rose Croix when constituted in 1974. He was the long serving Treasurer of the Valley in Kamloops. At Toronto in 2005, he was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General, 33° and to be a member of The Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada. In 2018, he was presented with his 50-year jewel.

Bro. Munro was also an active member of the local Kamloops Shrine Club and of the Gizeh Shriners of British Columbia and Yukon.

Bro. Munro was the ideal of a Freemason. He was the personification of brotherly love, relief and truth, one who fulfilled his duty as a man, a subject, a husband, and a friend, one who believed in faith, hope and charity. He was a loyal and dedicated man who lived his life with honor and distinction. He was a mentor to many of us and a friend to all. He will be sadly missed by his brothers in Freemasonry.

ILL. BRO. ALLISON RICHARD **MURPHY**, 33°

Allison Richard Murphy, a prominent member of the Valley of Hamilton passed away on January 8, 2024 after a number of years of declining health. Al was born on January 16th, 1931 in North Cayuga. He was Initiated into St. John's Lodge No. 35 G.R.C. on September 15th, 1960, Passed to the second degree on November 17th, 1960 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on January 16th, 1961. He subsequently affiliated with St. Andrew's Lodge No. 62 in Caledonia on October 15, 1964. He served St. Andrew's Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1975 and as secretary of the Lodge from 1981 to 2002. Al also served as Secretary of the St. Andrew's Temple Corporation for many years.

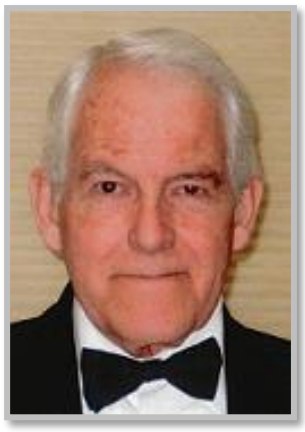
Al served Hamilton Masonic District B as District Secretary in 1978-1979, as District Treasurer in from 2001 to 2003 as well as District Regalia Chairman for a number of years. He also served as Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario in 1979-1980.

Al joined Murton Lodge of Perfection on May 4th 1976, the Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix on November 8th 1978 and Moore Sovereign Consistory on November 7th 1981. He was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General on September 16th 2004 at the Annual Sessions of Supreme Council in Edmonton, Alberta. Over the years, Al was a very active participant and cast member in a number of degrees. He is particularly remembered for his work in the 11th degree, "Elect of the Twelve ", the 15th degree, "Knight of the East or Sword" and the 19th degree, "Grand Pontiff". He also worked tirelessly on the Reception and Registration Committee and the Membership Committee and participated faithfully in annual Christmas Pageants.

Al was extremely active in the community of Caledonia. He was an active member of the Caledonia Men's Club, serving as President in 1967. In the year 2007, he was named Caledonia Citizen of the Year. He also served as Chairman of the Easter Seals Society for Caledonia, was a very involved member of the Caledonia Senior's Support Group and volunteered with Caledonia Meals on Wheels for Seniors. Al was also a very active member of Grace United Church in Caledonia having served as Chairman of the board of Stewards for a number of years.

Al was employed by the Union Gas Company for thirty-five years in a number of roles. He was predeceased by his wife of almost 68 years, Frances in 2022. He is survived by his three children, Cindy, Janet and Paul, three Grandchildren and three Great-Grandchildren. Al was an extremely active Mason and member of his community. He will be greatly missed.

ILL. BRO. DONALD LORING **OGILVIE**, 33°



Born in Truro, Nova Scotia, Don, at the age of 16, made his way to Ontario to find employment with General Motors in Oshawa. While working there he decided on pursuing a more promising career and joined the RCMP. Following training he was initially posted to Prince Edward Island, transferring after three years to Ottawa where he was, for a time, on the protection detail for the prime minister. Don relates a story of sitting in John Diefenbaker's kitchen, wondering just what on earth, as a young constable, he was to say to the prime minister…knowing Don, I don't think he was at a loss for words for long. It was in Ottawa that he and Carol, his first wife, started their family. His next move was to Merritt, BC. where he served for several more years, leaving the RCMP in 1964 and taking up a career as a life insurance agent.

While living in Merritt he was Initiated, Passed, and Raised into Nicola Lodge No. 53 in 1964, serving several years later as its Worshipful Master. Thus started a long and rich journey within the Craft. Joining the Scottish Rite in 1976, he served in many capacities in the Valley of Kamloops and was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General, 33°, in 2009. In

1991 R.W. Bro. Ogilvie affiliated with Mount St. Paul Lodge No. 109 and was a stalwart within the lodge, attending meetings faithfully and always being available to assist with degree work and whatever needed to be done. His advice was always well thought out, and even more importantly, was always well received by the brethren. He was received into the Royal Order of Scotland in 2007 and in 2019 was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 3.

If one thing can be said to characterize Don it was his love of our ritual and traditions. He strove to be the best he could be and inspired others to be the same. Although while in recent years his memory was not as sharp as it had once been, his passion burned as strong as ever it did. He infused his participation in lodge with an enthusiasm that was appreciated and which will always be remembered.

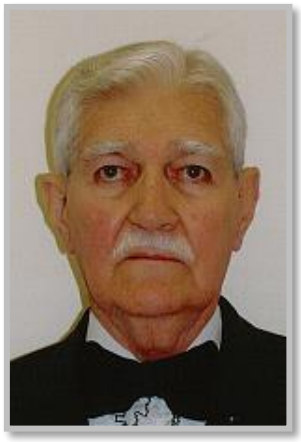
Don leaves to cherish his memory his two brothers, his three sons and one daughter and their families, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his first wife Carol Jean Ogilvie and his second wife Christine Mary Hardisty.

His family has put it well…" Don was an outstanding swimmer, marksman and Masonic brother. Most importantly though Don was one who lived life fully and finished his rich and full life as a good, earnest, generous and complete human being who will be missed by the many who knew and loved him".

And that truly describes Don…he was a true gentleman, in the best sense of the word, and a faithful Mason till he drew his last breath. He will be greatly missed.

Rest in Peace my Brother.

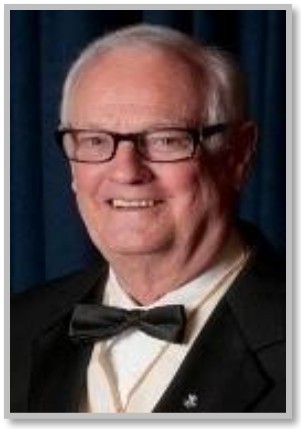
ILL. BRO. FRANCIS DONALD **PRIDEAUX**, 33°



Don Prideaux was born and raised in Hayle in west Cornwall, England. He was Initiated into St. Lukes Lodge No. 5371 on the 17th August 1953 and later served as Worshipful Master of Cornish Lodge No. 2369 in London England in 1966. He moved to Waterloo Ontario in 1968 and was a member of Grand River Lodge No. 151 before he moved to Woodstock with his job transfer and affiliated with Oxford Lodge No. 76 on 14th February 1977. Don joined Woodstock Lodge of Perfection on 3rd November 1977, Centennial Chapter Rose Croix on 9th April 1981 and received his 32nd degree at Moore Sovereign Consistory in Hamilton on 7th November 1981. Shortly after, he started directing the 14th degree which he continued to do until 2005. He was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General in Toronto in 2005. Don was an avid musician and played several instruments including the organ which he played regularly as Oxford Lodge Organist as well as at other Lodge meetings throughout the District. He was appointed Assistant Grand Organist for the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario in July 2007.

Don was married to, and pre-deceased by, his wife Phyllis. Shortly after she passed away in 2011, Don moved to Drayton Alberta to be close to his daughter Lyndara (Ernie) Cowper-Smith. He was proud grandfather to four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. His poetry, his music and his sense of humour will be missed but will be long remembered by many.

ILL. BRO. HARRY RAYMOND **RANCE**, 33°



The Valley of Barrie lost Harry (Raymond) Rance one of its true 'pillars' on July 31, 2024, to the Grand Lodge above. Ray was truly a dedicated Mason, a good friend, a family man and honourable citizen. He epitomized the ideal of a Freemason, as described in the General Charge of the Installation Ceremony. He had suffered, for the past several years, under the tender loving care and love of his wife Betty. They were married for 70+ years

Raymond was born on March 28, 1932 in Elmvale, Ontario. Following his formal education, he went on to be a commercial printer, where he served in various capacities of the printing industry for 46 years.

Ray is survived by his wife Betty (nee Cole) for the past 70+ years and their two daughters Brenda, Cindy and son Scott, along with several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He joined Masonry and was Initiated into Kerr Lodge No. 230 GRC, in November 1978. He would further serve his Lodge as their Worshipful Master in 1983-84. In 1987, Ray served as the District Secretary, leading to an appointment of Grand Standard Bearer at the Annual Communication of his Grand Lodge. Ray was also a member of the Sheba Shrine Club Barrie and Rameses Temple in Toronto.

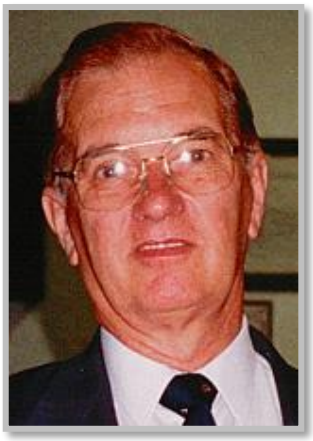
Our worthy brother joined the Valley of Barrie Scottish Rite in 1980, receiving his 14° on October 29th in the Barrie Lodge of Perfection; received his 18° on October 30th, 1982, in the Spry Chapter of Rose Croix, and his 32° on November 13, 1982 in the Barrie Consistory. He served as the Commander-in-Chief of the Barrie Consistory in 1992. He was a devoted Leader, serving as the Valley's Grand Secretary/Registrar (1995-2008) for all three bodies of the Valley of Barrie. He was selected as the Reunion Honouree for his faithful service to the Valley, in the fall of 2004.

He was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General on September 14, 1995 in Kingston, Ontario.

Our Brother will be sadly missed in the Valley that he enjoyed and served, and by all the members of Freemasonry whose lives he touched.

"We cherish his memory in our Hearts – and may he rest in peace"

ILL. BRO. NORMAN JOHN **SENN**, 33°



It is with deep sadness that we announce that Norman J. Senn beloved husband of Jean Senn (nee King) of Calgary, AB, passed away on Saturday, June 22, 2024, at the age of 92 years.

Norm was born in Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex, England. He lived and worked in London from 1939 to 1959. He trained and worked as a Laboratory Technologist with the Central Public Health Labs, and as Senior technologist with the Whittington Hospital. Norm then worked as a Metropolitan Police Officer for five years.

On August 14th, 1954, he married Jean in London, England. He went back to laboratory work in 1959 and they emigrated to Edmonton, AB, that same year where Norm took a position as the Chief Technologist, Department of Microbiology, University of Alberta. Norm held several other positions in this field including Head of the Medical Science Department at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, and the President of the Canadian Society of Laboratory Technicians.

Norm's Masonic career in Freemasonry began on January 19th, 1965, in Eastgate Lodge No. 192 on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. He served in many positions that benefited his brethren. Norm

affiliated with Mosaic Lodge No. 176 in 1967 and served as its Worshipful Master 1975/1976. Norm was elected District Deputy Grand Master of District 18 for the 1984/1985 term. He was also on several Grand Lodge committees. Norm was also a Charter member of Fiat Lux Lodge of Research No. 1980; He served as Worshipful Master in 1992.

Norm started his journey in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada on February 15th, 1967, receiving his 4th degree in the Valley of Edmonton. Norm affiliated with the Valley of Calgary and was elected as the Most Wise Sovereign of Delta Chapter of the Rose Croix for 1974/1975. Norm also served as the Commander in Chief of the Southalta Consistory for 1979/1980. He was Coroneted a 33° Honorary Inspector-General on September 15, 1983 and was a Member of the Royal Order of Scotland being admitted on November 15th, 1980. Norm was also a member of the Royal Arch, Golden West Chapter No. 5 receiving his Royal Arch degree on March 28, 1989.

Norm loved his Masonry and believed and practised its highly principled precepts. Norman has been a volunteer in many organizations and, like Jean, gave back to society where he could. Both received the Sovereign Medal for Contributions to Canada. Norm was very involved with the Scouts, leading Cubs through Rovers and Honourable Charge, Deputy Camp Chief.

He always hoped that he had done the best he could in life to practise the Golden Rule. He was fortunate to have married a wonderful woman and been happily married for 70 years. He loved his wife dearly for her strength and ability and being who she was. His two daughters gave him much pride and joy, and their partners, Meredith and Kevin, are exceptional people. His granddaughter was his friend and companion, and he counted himself so lucky to have had her in his life.

In addition to his wife, daughters, and granddaughter, Norm is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews in England, all of whom he loved dearly and was very proud of. He is also survived by his sister-in-law and his cousin in England and his adopted family and many friends in Canada.

We have all benefited from Norm's good council and wise advice. He will be truly missed.

ILL. BRO. JAMES GEORGE **SINDEN**, 33°

After a several year battle with dementia, Jim Sinden passed away peacefully with family by his side at Milton District Hospital on Wednesday December 20, 2023, at the age of 88 years.

Jim was the beloved husband of the late Joan Sinden (nee Smith), dear father to his late son Jamie "Bitman" and to his surviving sons Scot (Karen) of Milton and Kitt (Susan Taylor) of Georgetown. Loving Grandpa of Christopher and Matthew Sinden and Gramps of Regan and Emmit Sinden.

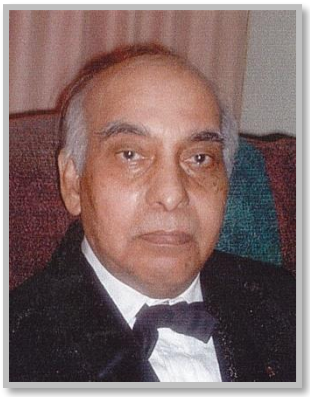
Jim was born in Belmont, Ontario on January 6, 1935, and was one of eleven children born to William S. and Audrey Sinden (nee Yelland) and was predeceased by siblings Bill Sinden, Betty Breen, Jean Porter, Ron Sinden, Isabella Hart, Lorraine Rosehart, Brenda Nowelland Reginald Sinden.

Jim will be sadly missed by his sister Irene Livingstone of Simcoe and his brother Paul Sinden and his wife Bryden of Tillsonburg and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews in the extended Sinden family. Together with his brothers Bill and Paul, Jim is the former owner of Sinden's Ltd., a longtime paint and decorating family business started by their mother and father and still operating in Tillsonburg today by Paul's sons Drew and Dave. Jim was a member of the Tillsonburg Shrine Club and a member of the Tillsonburg Ashler No. 701 A.F. & A.M. Masonic Lodge.

Ill. Bro. Sinden was Initiated into Ashlar Lodge No. 701 on 19 October 1972, Passed on 7 December 1972 and Raised on 19 April 1973. He served as Worshipful Master in 1981. Jim joined the Woodstock Lodge of Perfection on 29 October 1981, Centennial Chapter Rose Croix on 11 March 1982 and Moore Soveriegn Consistory on 6 November 1982. He served as Most Wise Sovereign of Centennial Chapter

Rose Croix in 1993-1994 and for many years, until his health would no longer permit, he was the Representative Candidate in the 18th degree. He was also a member of the Tillsonburg Shrine Club. Jim was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General in Ottawa on the 13 September 2007.

ILL. BRO. ASHTON ANTHONY **TAGALLIE**, 33°



Ill Bro. Ashton Tagallie passed away on November 16, 2023, in his 82nd year. He was born in Trinidad, West Indies on April 4, 1941. He was an army cadet in Trinidad and following his formal schooling he worked as a goldsmith in Trinidad prior to emigrating to Canada. When Ashton settled in Toronto, he attended George Brown College and studied enameling while he was working at Birks Jewelers. Ashton owned his own jewelry business for many years.

Ill. Bro. Tagallie was Initiated into Imperial Lodge No. 543 G.R.C. (now Imperial East Gate Lodge No. 543, G.R.C.) in 1983 serving as Master in 1993 and in 1995.

Ill. Bro. Tagallie's Scottish Rite journey began when he joined the Barrie Lodge of Perfection on February 20, 1993, the Barrie Chapter of Rose Croix on March 27, 1993, and the Barrie Consistory on April 23, 1993. Ashton subsequently affiliated with the Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection and the Toronto Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix.

It did not take Ashton long to become active in the Valley of Toronto, joining his good friend Ill. Bro. William Preet 33° in 1996, as part of the make-up crew for the Valley. Ashton continued in this role until 2009 when health issues limited his efforts.

Ill. Bro. Tagallie was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General 33° on September 13, 2007, at the 133rd Annual Session of Supreme Council held in Ottawa, ON.

Ashton was also involved in the Toronto Caribana Association, taking part in the annual event assisting with the costumes and makeup for many years.

Ashton leaves his wife Agnes.

We will cherish his memory in our hearts.

ILL. BRO. GERALD ARCHIBALD **THOMPSON**, 33°

Illustrious Brother Gerald Archibald Thompson 33° passed on Saturday, June 8, 2024, in his 91st year. Gerry was born in Port Authur – now included in Thunder Bay.

Gerry became a Mason in 1958 in Grostenquin, France. He moved smoothly from Entered Apprentice to Master Mason between March and November. When he returned to Canada he joined The Builders Lodge in Ottawa and was Worshipful Master in 1983. He joined Scottish Rite Masonry (Ottawa) in February 1978 and achieved 32° that April. Gerry was Most Wise Sovereign in 1987 and was Coroneted Honorary Inspector-General in Kingston, September 1995. Gerry was an active participant in the Scottish Rite – cast member in several degrees. His exchange with Ill. Bro. Ray Grant 33º in the thirteenth degree was entertaining and unforgettable.

Gerry served in the military, joining the Army in April 1949 – Regimental Signaller to 1952. He served a tour on duty in Korea November 1953 to May 1965. From then to 1973 he worked on the Distant Early Warning Line (DEW Line) as a maintenance technician – some of that time in Cambridge Bay, NWT. From 1973 to 1994 he worked at Transport Canada as a avionics maintenance technician.

ILL. BRO. DONALD JAMES **WARNER**, 33°

Ill. Bro. Donald J. Warner passed away after complications of a stroke on April 14, 2024 at the age of 81.

Don married Sandy Markwick from Hamilton Ontario in 1967 and is father of Michael and Nancy. Cherished Grandpa of Michael, Niko, Coretta and Jacob.

Don was born and raised in Midland, Ontario and then moved to Hamilton, Ontario. He began working for Otis Elevator Company in Hamilton in 1962 and transferred to London, Ontario in 1967 with the Otis Elevator Company. Don worked only 2 years in London with Otis Elevator Company before receiving a transfer to Windsor Ontario to become a Local Representative for the Otis Elevator Company in Essex and Kent Counties. He retired from the Otis Elevator Company in 1999 as their local manager for the company after 39 1/2 years of dedicated and continuous service.

Ill. Bro. Warner Masonic life began in Harmony Masonic Lodge No. 579 in 1980. He was installed as Worshipful Master of Harmony Masonic Lodge No. 579 in 1984 and became the Treasurer of Harmony Masonic Lodge No. 579 in 1986 and have held that position until his death. Don was a Past District Deputy Grand Master, for Windsor District (2006-2007).

Ill. Bro. Warner received the 14th degree Windsor Lodge of Perfection 1983, the 18th degree Windsor Chapter of Rose Croix 1983, the 32nd degree from Moore Sovereign Consistory 1984 and became an HIG when he received the 33rd degree at the Supreme Council Session –Vancouver 2008. Ill Bro. Warner was proud to serve as Thrice Puissant Grand Master of the Windsor Lodge of Perfection in 1991.

Don was very active with the community and volunteered his time with several organizations such as being a Past Potentate Mocha Shriners, Member Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem and the Scottish Rite Learning Centre of Windsor.

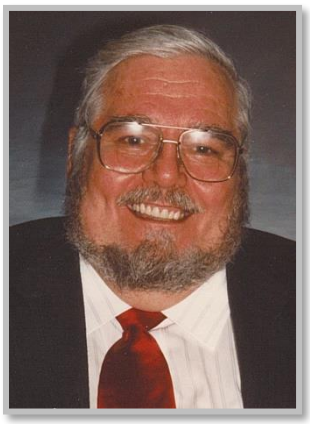
ILL. BRO. LEO ALLAN **WAYRENEN**, 33°

Leo was born in Hornpayne, Ontario on August 8, 1936 and grew up in the Dorian area, later attending Port Arthur Technical and Commercial High School in 1951. He attended trade school to become an auto mechanic. Leo worked at Port Arthur Motors, Ontario Ministry of Transportation, and later started A-One Filter which he operated for over 20 years.

Leo passed away at the age of 87, on Saturday, June 29, 2024. He is survived by his wife Diana; his daughter Judy (Jack) Korppi and their son Jesse, great grandsons Jaycen and Jagger, their daughter Jasmine (Marc) Maisonneuve, great-granddaughter Eloise; his son Allan (Laurie) Wayrynen and their son Max, daughter Dayna, as well as numerous relatives in Finland. He was predeceased by his parents Walter and Helvi Wayrynen, his sister Helge and his first wife Frances Wyrynen.

Leo's Masonic career had a long impressive record. He joined Shuniah Lodge when he was Initiated June 13, 1972 and served as the Master of the Lodge in 1980. He was responsible for initiating the Fish Derby in 1979 which continues today in 2024. Leo was District Secretary in 2001-02 and was appointed in Grand Lodge in 2002 as a Grand Steward. Leo was active within the Algoma District, actively visiting different lodges and supporting them. He served the District as Coordinator of Masonic Events and kept the Masonic calendar current and correct. His selection as Old Tymer of the Year on Tuesday, May 6, 2008, was somewhat premature given his relatively young age but the most appropriate given the many years of devoted and exemplary service. He joined Scottish Rite on February 21, 1977 and as a loyal and active member of the Valley of Thunder Bay, he was proud to be Coroneted as a 33° Honorary Inspector-General September 17th, 2009.

ILL. BRO. JOHN LAWRENCE **WEBSTER**, 33°



On December 11, 2023, a long-time member of the Valley of Hamilton, John Lawrence Webster, passed to the Grand Lodge above. John was born on December 9, 1937 in Hamilton, Ontario. He was raised and educated in Dundas. He was Initiated into The Lodge of Strict Observance No. 27 G.R.C. on June 23, 1972. He was Passed to the Second Degree on September 7, 1972 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on November 17, 1972. John served the Lodge of Strict Observance as Worshipful Master in 1983. He also served Hamilton Masonic District B as District Deputy Grand Master in 1987. After retirement, John moved to Norwood, Ontario and joined Norwood Lodge No. 223 G.R.C.

John joined Murton Lodge of Perfection on November 4, 1974, the Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix on April 15, 1976 and Moore Sovereign Consistory on May 7, 1977. He was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General on September 8, 1994 at the Annual Sessions of Supreme Council in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

After finishing high school, John graduated from the Hamilton Teacher's College and subsequently from McMaster University. John taught for the Hamilton Board of Education as a special education teacher for 34 years. He was active in both the Navy League of Canada and the Royal Canadian Navy Reserve. After retirement John and his wife Margaret retired to their family "cottage" on the Trent River. John and Margaret were both active in the Anglican churches in both Hastings and Roseneath. They both enjoyed singing in church choirs. John also became a Lay Reader.

John is survived by Margaret, his wife of sixty years, his children David and Laura, his four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and his sister Barbara. John contributed a great deal to Freemasonry in general and to the Valley of Hamilton in particular and will be greatly missed.

# ►GENERAL DATA AND STATISTICS◄

## Sovereign Grand Commanders Since 1874

**THOMAS DOUGLAS HARINGTON**
Oct. 16, 1874 to Jan. 13, 1882
Died 13th January, 1882

**WILLIAM HENRY HUTTON**
Jan. 13, 1882 to Oct. 21, 1886
Died 9th October, 1893

**JOHN VALENTINE ELLIS**
Oct. 21, 1886 to Oct. 27, 1892
Died 10th July, 1913

**JOHN WALTER MURTON**
Oct. 27, 1892 to Oct. 23, 1898
Died 23rd October, 1898

**ISAAC HENRY STEARNS**
Oct. 26, 1898 to Oct. 27, 1904
Died 15th February, 1921

**SIR JOHN MORISON GIBSON**
Oct. 27, 1904 to Oct. 23, 1913
Oct. 26, 1922 to Oct. 25, 1923
Died 3rd June, 1929

**BENJAMIN ALLEN**
Oct. 23, 1913 to Oct. 23, 1919
Died 10th April, 1920

**JOHN ALEXANDER CAMERON**
Oct. 23, 1919 to Oct. 26, 1922
Oct. 25, 1923 to Oct. 8, 1925
Died 16th December, 1931

**ALFRED FREDERICK WEBSTER**
Oct. 8, 1925 to Oct. 3, 1934
Died 7th May, 1938

**WILLIAM HUGH WARDROPE**
Oct. 3, 1934 to Oct. 2, 1940
Apr. 18, 1942 to Oct. 7, 1942
Died 27th June, 1947

**JOHN ALBERT ROWLAND**
Oct. 2, 1940 to April 18, 1942
Died 18th April, 1942

**DOUGLAS GORDON McILWRAITH**
Oct. 7, 1942 to Feb. 2, 1948
Died 2nd February, 1948

**GEORGE HENRY ROSS**
Feb. 2, 1948 to Feb. 14, 1950
Died 14th February, 1950

**DOUGLAS FRASER**
Feb. 14, 1950 to Oct. 15, 1952
Died 26th August, 1968

**CLARENCE MacLEOD PITTS**
Oct. 15, 1952 to Sept. 21, 1955
Died 10th April, 1965

**THOMAS KINGSMILL WADE**
Sept. 21, 1955 to Sept. 11, 1958
Died 20th January, 1965

**JAMES ALEXANDER SIMPSON**
Sept. 11, 1958 to Sept. 7, 1961
Died 6th July, 1963

**RICHARD COULTON BERKINSHAW**
Sept. 7, 1961 to Sept. 9, 1964
Died 4th May, 1970

**GEORGE CLEVELAND DERBY**
Sept. 9, 1964 to Sept. 13th, 1967
Died 5th January, 1971

**CHARLES HERBERT CUNNINGHAM**
Sept. 13, 1967 to Sept. 12, 1969
Died 12th September, 1969

**DONALD LLOYD WITTER**
Sept. 12, 1969 to Sept. 8, 1973
Died 21st June, 1992

**HOWARD BROWN MOORE**
1970 Honorary
Died 6th June, 1978

**HARVEY ROY DOANE**
Sept. 8, 1973 to Sept. 11, 1976
Died 10th June, 1989

**WALTER CLIFTON McDONALD**
Sept. 11, 1976 to Sept. 15, 1979
Died 7th November, 1999

**WALTER HENRY MORTLOCK**
Sept. 15, 1979 to Sept. 11, 1982
Died 17th January, 1998

**LYLE HERBERT BERGSTROM**
Sept. 11, 1982 to Sept. 14, 1985
Died 8th August, 1992

**GORDON LOCKHART BENNETT**
Sept. 14, 1985 to Sept. 10, 1988
Died 11th February, 2000

**JOHN ALLAN BOURNE**
Sept. 10, 1988 to Sept. 14, 1991
Died 11th, October, 2000

**JOHN VINCENT LAWER**
Sept. 14, 1991 to Sept. 10, 1994
Died 29th, March, 2016

**HAROLD EDWARD CROSBY**
Sept. 10, 1994 to Sept. 13, 1997

**GLENN MARVIN MARTIN**
Sept. 13, 1997 to Sept. 16, 2000
Died 8th, April, 2015

**NORMAN EDWARD BYRNE**
Sept. 16, 2000 to Sept 13, 2003
Died 13th, Sept., 2005

**ORLAN JOHN WEBER**
Sept. 13, 2003 to Sept. 16, 2006

**CHARLES ROBERT TOWNSHEND**
Sept. 16, 2006 to Sept. 19, 2009
Died 14th March, 2015

**MATTHEW FRANCIS TODD**
Sept. 19, 2009 to Sept. 15, 2012

**RICHARD AUSTIN H. BROWN**
Sept. 15, 2012 to Sept. 19, 2015

**TERRY ALLAN McLEAN**
Sept. 19, 2015 to Sept. 15, 2018

**ROBERT STUART WHITMORE**
Sept. 15, 2018 to Sept. 17, 2022

**DAVID ALLAN BENNETT**
Sept. 17, 2022

Past Annual Sessions

1874 ~ Ottawa
1875 ~ Montréal
1876 ~ "
1877 ~ "
1878 ~ "
1879 ~ "
~ (special in March at Hamilton)
1880 ~ Montréal
1881 ~ "
1882 ~ "
1883 ~ "
1884 ~ "
1885 ~ (Not held at Saint John)
~ (special in April at Hamilton)
1886 ~ Montréal
~ (special in November at Hamilton)
1887 ~ Montréal
1888 ~ "
1889 ~ "
1890 ~ Hamilton
1891 ~ Saint John
1892 ~ Montréal
1893 ~ "
1894 ~ Toronto
1895 ~ Montréal
1896 ~ Ottawa
1897 ~ Montréal
1898 ~ "
1899 ~ Saint John
1900 ~ Toronto
1901 ~ Montréal
1902 ~ "
1903 ~ Toronto
1904 ~ Montréal
1905 ~ Ottawa
1906 ~ London
1907 ~ Montréal
1908 ~ "
1909 ~ Toronto
1910 ~ Montréal
1911 ~ Winnipeg
1912 ~ Hamilton
1913 ~ Montréal
1914 ~ Toronto
1915 ~ Ottawa
1916 ~ Montréal
1917 ~ London
1918 ~ Hamilton
1919 ~ Montréal
1920 ~ Hamilton
1921 ~ Ottawa
1922 ~ Montréal
1923 ~ Toronto
~ (special at Hamilton)
1924 ~ Vancouver
1925 ~ Montréal
1926 ~ Halifax
1927 ~ Hamilton
1928 ~ Montréal
1929 ~ Edmonton
1930 ~ Toronto
1931 ~ Montréal
1932 ~ Saint John
1933 ~ Ottawa
1934 ~ Montréal
1935 ~ Vancouver
1936 ~ London
1937 ~ Montréal
1938 ~ Halifax
1939 ~ Fort William
1940 ~ Montréal
1941 ~ Regina
1942 ~ Hamilton
1943 ~ Montréal
1944 ~ Windsor
1945 ~ Hamilton (93)
1946 ~ Québec (111) (67)
1947 ~ Calgary (111) (73)
1948 ~ London (158) (100)
1949 ~ Saint John (150) (101)
1950 ~ Ottawa (189) (119)
1951 ~ Winnipeg (176) (118)
1952 ~ Niagara (230) (146)
1953 ~ Montréal (201) (147)
1954 ~ Toronto (243) (197)
1955 ~ Vancouver (184) (146)
1956 ~ Hamilton (224) (199)
1957 ~ Halifax (200) (159)
1958 ~ Windsor (247) (199)
1959 ~ Saskatoon (199) (143)
1960 ~ Fort William (220) (157)
1961 ~ St. Andrews (205) (159)
1962 ~ London (291) (230)
1963 ~ Edmonton (242) (177)
1964 ~ Ottawa (289) (245)
1965 ~ Montréal (264) (204)
2005 ~ Toronto (326) (262)
2006 ~ Halifax (340) (280)
2007 ~ Ottawa (320) (251)
2008 ~ Vancouver (255) (201)

1966 ~ Niagara (268) (220)
1967 ~ Winnipeg (256) (193)
1968 ~ Hamilton (351) (269)
1969 ~ Halifax (265) (213)
1970 ~ Toronto (290) (220)
1971 ~ Calgary (287) (223)
1972 ~ Windsor (273) (206)
1973 ~ Vancouver (283) (224)
1974 ~ Ottawa (368) (315)
1975 ~ Hamilton (301) (252)
1976 ~ Regina (316) (257)
1977 ~ Hamilton (331) (278)
1978 ~ Moncton (299) (252)
1979 ~ Niagara (360) (312)
1980 ~ Winnipeg (387) (316)
1981 ~ Peterborough (419) (346)
1982 ~ Fredericton (349) (301)
1983 ~ Toronto (410) (331)
1984 ~ Edmonton (392) (326)
1985 ~ London (462) (383)
1986 ~ Charlottetown (396) (346)
1987 ~ Windsor (375) (305)
1988 ~ Vancouver (416) (343)
1989 ~ Ottawa (411) (334)
1990 ~ St. John's (353) (302)
1991 ~ Thunder Bay (332) (273)
1992 ~ Saskatoon (356) (291)
1993 ~ Hamilton (358) (284)
1994 ~ Halifax (337) (285)
1995 ~ Kingston (336) (289)
1996 ~ Calgary (347) (291)
1997 ~ Barrie (309) (254)
1998 ~ Montréal (327) (274)
1999 ~ Niagara (326) (269)
2000 ~ Winnipeg (334) (272)
2001 ~ London (307) (246)
2002 ~ Saint John (290) (233)
2003 ~ Windsor (307) (230)
2004 ~ Edmonton (350) (272)
2009 ~ Hamilton (296) (211)
2010 ~ Moncton (234) (173)
2011 ~ Thunder Bay (245) (170)
2012 ~ Winnipeg (209) (131)
2013 ~ Barrie (284) (215)
2014 ~ Halifax (239) (181)
2015 ~ Windsor (278) (195)
2016 ~ St. John's (229) (189)
2017 ~ Montréal (261) (196)
2018 ~ London (297) (209)
2019 ~ Executive Session (41)
2020 ~ Executive Session (43)
(Full session cancelled due to Covid-19)
2021 ~ Executive Session (49)
2022 ~ Saskatoon (237) (153)
2023 ~ Executive Session (50)
2024 ~ Ottawa (291) (193)

Year ~ City (Members) (Ladies)

## Future Sessions

| | |
|---|---|
| 2025 ~ Executive Session | Wednesday, September 10, 2025 |
| 2026 ~ Hamilton, ON | Thursday, September 17 to Saturday, September 19, 2026 |
| 2027 ~ Executive Session | Wednesday, September 15, 2027 |
| 2028 ~ Nanaimo, BC | Thursday, September 14 to Saturday, September 16, 2028 |
| 2029 ~ Executive Session | Wednesday, September 12, 2029 |

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*Date of Past Active Mem. - September 17th, 2022*

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**Valley of Hamilton**
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*Date of Past Active Mem. - September 17th, 2016*

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**Valley of Saint John**
*Date of 33° - September 9th, 1993*
*Date of Past Active Mem. - September 15th, 2018*

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**Valley of Montreal**
*Date of 33° - September 15th, 2005*
*Date of Past Active Mem. - September 17th, 2022*

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*Date of 33° - September 12th, 1996*
*Date of Past Active Mem. - September 14th, 2013*

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**Valley of Vancouver**
*Date of 33° - September 16th, 2004*
*Date of Past Active Mem. - September 15th, 2021*

**Thornton**, Donald Douglas
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**Valley of Hamilton**
*Date of 33° - September 14th, 1995*
*Date of Past Active Mem. - September 17th, 2011*

**Ward**, Michael (Penny)
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**Valley of Vancouver**
*Date of 33° - September 17th, 1998*
*Date of Past Active Mem. - September 17th, 2016*

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*Date of 33° - September 11th, 2003*
*Date of Past Active Mem. - September 16th, 2020*

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**Valley of Saint John**
*Date of 33° - September 10th, 1987*
*Date of Past Active Mem. - September 14th, 2013*

SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTORS-GENERAL 33° (40)

Active Members by Seniority

| | Date of 33° Degree | Date of Active Membership |
|---|---|---|
| Harold Edward Crosby | Sep. 10, 1976 | Sep. 12, 1981 |
| Orlan John Weber | Sep. 10, 1987 | Sep. 12, 1992 |
| Matthew Francis Todd | Sep. 12, 1996 | Sep. 18, 1999 |
| Robert Stuart Whitmore | Sep. 08, 1994 | Sep. 16, 2000 |
| Brian Wilfred Gilkinson | Sep. 13, 2001 | Sep. 15, 2001 |
| Richard Austin Howell Brown | Sep. 17, 1998 | Sep. 14, 2002 |
| Gareth Rhys Taylor | Sep. 13, 2001 | Sep. 16, 2006 |
| William Charles Fitzsimmons | Sep. 12, 2002 | Sep. 16, 2006 |
| Terry Allan McLean | Sep. 15, 2005 | Sep. 13, 2008 |
| Robert David Brethour | Sep. 14, 2000 | Sep. 18, 2010 |
| Gordon Greasley | Sep. 13, 2007 | Sep. 17, 2011 |
| David Allan Bennett | Sep. 14, 2006 | Sep. 13, 2014 |
| Karl Edmond Springer | Sep. 17, 1998 | Sep. 15, 2015 |
| Jeffrey Ralph Dickson | Sep. 13, 2001 | Sep. 15, 2015 |
| William Anthony Davis | Sep. 13, 2007 | Sep. 15, 2015 |
| Thomas Arthur Wills | Sep. 16, 2004 | Sep. 17, 2016 |
| Allan Leonard Long | Sep. 11, 2014 | Sep. 14, 2017 |
| Paul Eugene Frank | Sep. 17, 2009 | Sep. 15, 2018 |
| Graham Alexander Fraser | Sep. 12, 2013 | Sep. 15, 2018 |
| Owen Thomas Devereaux | Sep. 11, 2014 | Sep. 15, 2018 |
| Alan John Stoddart | Sep. 17, 2015 | Sep. 15, 2018 |
| Ronald John Taylor | Sep. 15, 2016 | Sep. 15, 2018 |
| Gordon Raymond Maitland | Sep. 13, 2018 | Sep. 15, 2018 |
| Bruce Malcolm Jardine | Sep. 14, 2017 | Sep. 11, 2019 |
| Steven Earl Warren | Sep. 13, 2007 | Sep. 16, 2020 |
| Stephen George Hannah | Sep. 16, 2004 | Sep. 17, 2020 |
| Donald Brent Julian | Sep. 13, 2007 | Sep. 17, 2020 |
| Douglas George Easton | Sep. 12, 2013 | Sep. 18, 2020 |
| Errol Anthony Stewart | Sep. 16, 2010 | Sep. 16, 2021 |
| John Lyle Barr | Sep. 14, 2006 | Sep. 17, 2021 |
| Norman Kent Clarke | Sep. 14, 2006 | Sep. 17, 2022 |
| Walter Harold Welke | Sep. 11, 2008 | Sep. 17, 2022 |
| Clive David Stephenson | Sep. 17, 2015 | Sep. 17, 2022 |
| Alexander Bruce Taylor | Sep. 17, 2015 | Sep. 17, 2022 |
| John Charles Revell | Sep. 14, 2017 | Sep. 17, 2022 |
| Richard Edward Jones | Sep. 13, 2018 | Sep. 17, 2022 |
| Joel Frederick MacDonald | Mar. 26, 2022 | Sep. 17, 2022 |
| Fayez Oustwani | Sep. 15, 2016 | Oct. 23, 2023 |
| David Jasper Boyd | Sep. 11, 2014 | Sep. 14, 2024 |
| Adrian Cretu | Mar. 26, 2022 | Sep. 14, 2024 |

SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTORS-GENERAL 33° (32)

Past Active Members by Seniority

| | Date of 33° Degree | Date of Past Active Membership |
|---|---|---|
| Gerald Allister Chaulk | Sep. 13, 1974 | Sep. 15, 2007 |
| John Andrew Prosnick | Sep. 16, 1999 | Sep. 15, 2007 |
| George Neilson Cooper | Sep. 14, 2006 | Sep. 18, 2010 |
| Maurice Hrycyk | Sep. 08, 1988 | Sep. 17, 2011 |
| Donald Douglas Thornton | Sep. 14, 1995 | Sep. 17, 2011 |
| Gordon Stanley Young | Sep. 10, 1987 | Sep. 14, 2013 |
| Harry Edward Standish | Sep. 12, 1996 | Sep. 14, 2013 |
| Samuel Kalinowsky | Sep. 13, 2007 | Sep. 14, 2013 |
| Rozin Daniel Iwanicki | Sep. 12, 1996 | Sep. 13, 2014 |
| Marvin LaGrange Munro | Sep. 09, 1982 | Sep. 18, 2015 |
| Michael Ward | Sep. 17, 1998 | Sep. 17, 2016 |
| Victor Lepp | Sep. 12, 2002 | Sep. 17, 2016 |
| Michael David Huron Farr. | Sep. 12, 1991 | Sep. 15, 2018 |
| James Stephen Ross | Sep. 10, 1992 | Sep. 15, 2018 |
| Chesley Roy Piercey | Sep. 09, 1993 | Sep. 15, 2018 |
| David Ronald MacDonald | Sep. 13, 2001 | Sep. 15, 2018 |
| David Garth Hooper | Sep. 15, 2005 | Sep. 15, 2018 |
| Wilfred Douglas Keam | Sep. 12, 1996 | Sep. 11, 2019 |
| Thomas Edward Lewis | Sep. 13, 1990 | Sep. 16, 2020 |
| Stephen Godfrey | Sep. 12, 1996 | Sep. 16, 2020 |
| John Wesley Trousdale | Sep. 11, 2003 | Sep. 16, 2020 |
| Duncan Stuart Skinner | Sep. 17, 2009 | Sep. 15, 2021 |
| John Gray Teleske | Sep. 16, 2004 | Sep. 15, 2021 |
| Loren William Kline. | Sep. 17, 1998 | Sep. 17, 2022 |
| James Crawford Sutherland | Sep. 14, 2000 | Sep. 17, 2022 |
| James Gerard Finch | Sep. 16, 2004 | Sep. 17, 2022 |
| Opkar Singh Sandhu | Sep. 15, 2005 | Sep. 17, 2022 |
| William Arthur Atkinson | Sep. 14, 2006 | Sep. 17, 2022 |
| Miles Rae Graham | Sep. 14, 2006 | Sep. 17, 2022 |
| Allan John Leslie Hadley | Sep. 14, 2013 | Sep. 17, 2022 |
| John Edward Harrison | Sep. 14, 2006 | Sep. 14, 2024 |
| Jacques Guy Ruelland | Sep. 13, 2018 | Sep. 14, 2024 |

## HONORARY INSPECTORS-GENERAL, 33° (815)

### ALBERTA (59)

| Name | Valley | Date Received |
|---|---|---|
| Austin, John Howard | Edmonton | Sep 10, 1992 |
| Baine, Douglas Paul | Calgary | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Beirnes, Ronald Orvil | Calgary | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Berard, Gordon Paul | Calgary | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Bowen, Hallam Fitzgerald | Central Alberta | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Caldwell, Steven Stewart | Edmonton | Sep 15, 2016 |
| Canning, Howard Gordon | Edmonton | Sep 11, 2008 |
| Clark, Thomas Richard | Central Alberta | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Cox, Wade Thomas | Edmonton | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Creasor, Duane David | Lethbridge | Sep 17, 2015 |
| Darichuk, George Thomas | Central Alberta | Sep 10, 1992 |
| Dawe, John Anderson | Edmonton | Sep 08, 1988 |
| Dixon, Grant William | Central Alberta | Sep 15, 2016 |
| Downs, Norman Edward | Calgary | Sep 13, 2007 |
| Ekpe, Samuel David | Edmonton | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Flemmer, Theodore Allan | Medicine Hat | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Fraser, Karl Thomas | Calgary | Sep 11, 2008 |
| Fyfe, Albert Edward | Medicine Hat | Sep 11, 2014 |
| Gyulai, Daniel Anthony | Lethbridge | Sep 17, 2009 |
| Hochman, David Charles | Calgary | Sep 15, 2016 |
| Hunt, James Darryl | Edmonton | Sep 14, 2017 |
| Hutton, James Bruce | Lethbridge | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Innes, James | Central Alberta | Sep 15, 2011 |
| Irwin, Brant Calvin | Lethbridge | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Jakubowsky, Edward Jeffries | Medicine Hat | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Jones, Joseph Arthur | Edmonton | Sep 14, 2006 |
| Kennard, Stephen Mark | Calgary | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Kennaway, Robert Adam | Edmonton | Sep 17, 2015 |
| Kristiansen, Michael | Edmonton | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Kuenzel, Johannes | Calgary | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Kwasnycia, Nestor Michael | Edmonton | Sep 15, 2005 |
| LePage, Jeffrey Martin | Lethbridge | Sep 12, 2024 |
| MacMoneagle, Stuart Munn | Edmonton | Sep 15, 2011 |
| Maloney, Richard John | Medicine Hat | Sep 14, 2017 |
| McFadyen, Albert Ewan | Medicine Hat | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Motiuk, Russel Henry | Edmonton | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Mottershead, Stanley Erwin | Edmonton | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Parkyn, William Kim | Calgary | Sep 14, 2017 |
| Pay, Murray Vernon Desmond | Calgary | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Phillips, Russel Gary | Calgary | Sep 08, 1994 |
| Ponech, Rodney Bowman | Edmonton | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Robertson, John Duncan | Edmonton | Sep 14, 2000 |
| Rojas, Jorge Wilibaldo | Calgary | Sep 11, 2008 |
| Roth, David Albert | Edmonton | Sep 16, 2010 |
| Sampson, Jordan David | Edmonton | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Shimmons, Brian | Calgary | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Shutt, Craig Kenneth | Edmonton | Sep 11, 2014 |
| Skelton, Terrance Ernest | Central Alberta | Sep 14, 2017 |
| Sonley, Roy Ernest | Medicine Hat | Sep 16, 2010 |

| Name | Valley | Date Received |
|---|---|---|
| Spicer, Leigh Thomas John | Edmonton | Sep 16, 1999 |
| Stark, Karl Robert | Edmonton | Sep 16, 1999 |
| Stewart, Angus Colin | Edmonton | Sep 11, 2014 |
| Stewart, Gregory Trevor | Calgary | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Stobbs, Clayton Cyril Humphrey | Lethbridge | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Sykes, George William | Edmonton | Sep 10, 1992 |
| Vickers, Ron | Central Alberta | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Vines, Irwin Charles | Calgary | Sep 17, 2015 |
| Watkins, John David | Edmonton | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Wingrave, Allen | Edmonton | Sep 14, 2017 |

## BRITISH COLUMBIA (96)

| Name | Valley | Date Received |
|---|---|---|
| Akehurst, Alan Winston | Vernon | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Akerman, Terrance Edward | Nanaimo | Sep 10, 1981 |
| Alikhani, Safar | Vancouver | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Allen, Robert Glenn | Vancouver | Sep 11, 2008 |
| Armitage, Richard Douglas | Campbell River | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Armstrong, James Marshall | Nanaimo | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Atkinson, Larry Lee | Fraser Valley | Sep 12, 2002 |
| Bagg, Robert Bruce | Vernon | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Birnie, Richard Allan | Vernon | Sep 12, 2013 |
| Bolger, Edward Carl | Victoria | Sep 15, 2011 |
| Boynton, Timothy Allen | Kamloops | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Broadberry, Jonathan Hugh | Kamloops | Sep 15, 2016 |
| Brooks, Garry Wayne | Victoria | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Brown, Winston Samuel Albert | Castlegar/Nelson | Sep 12, 2002 |
| Calli, Michael Kenneth | Prince Rupert | Sep 14, 2000 |
| Campbell, Donald Leslie | Victoria | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Cardinez, Winston Ambrose | Victoria | Sep 13, 2007 |
| Cave, William Rutherford | Prince George | Sep 12, 2013 |
| Cawsey, Richard Stephen John | Victoria | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Clark, Matthew Ridgley | Victoria | Sep 17, 2015 |
| Costain, David Alan | Kamloops | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Cross, John Alan | Nanaimo | Sep 11, 2008 |
| Dawe, Willliam Ernest | Victoria | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Dearing, Mark Seymour | Vernon | Sep 13, 2012 |
| Deighton, Keith Austin | Fraser Valley | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Donaldson, Mark Stephen | Campbell River | Sep 13, 2012 |
| Duchesne, Eric | Fraser Valley | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Durell, Philip Henry Edward | Vancouver | Sep 12, 2002 |
| Eales, Peter Raymond | Vancouver | Sep 12, 2013 |
| Elliott, Oliver Kent | Vancouver | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Ferguson, Charles William | Vernon | Sep 12, 1996 |
| Finch, Paul George | Victoria | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Fraser, Leonard Stanley | Fraser Valley | Sep 14, 2017 |
| Fulton, James Hugh | Kamloops | Sep 11, 2014 |
| Gillespie, Robert Reid | Vancouver | Sep 17, 2009 |
| Glambinskas, Kestutis Algird | Vancouver | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Gordon, Aidan Chalmers | Vancouver | Sep 13, 2012 |
| Gordon, Alexander Phillip Spencer | Victoria | Sep 14, 2006 |
| Hammell, Michael Frederick George | Campbell River | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Harder, Laurence Allan | Kamloops | Sep 15, 2022 |

| Name | Valley | Date Received |
|---|---|---|
| Hardy, Thomas Burnett | Vancouver | Sep 12, 2002 |
| Harper, John Thomas | Kamloops | Sep 12, 1996 |
| Hayes, Harold James | Campbell River | Sep 14, 2006 |
| Headen, Richard William | Victoria | Sep 12, 2002 |
| Hilborn, William Harvey | Victoria | Sep 16, 2010 |
| Hodson, Richard John | Victoria | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Holmes, Rodney Neil | Prince George | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Jaenen, David William | Victoria | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Johnson, Laurence D'Arcy Tisdall | Victoria | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Kerridge, David Charles | Kamloops | Sep 14, 2006 |
| Kitching, Grant Harrison | Victoria | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Ley, William Henry | Victoria | Sep 14, 2017 |
| Link, Lawrence William | Castlegar/Nelson | Sep 08, 1988 |
| Magnan, Bernard Armand | Vancouver | Sep 15, 2022 |
| McAlpine, David Robert | Vancouver | Sep 17, 2015 |
| McLean, Brian Daniel | Vancouver | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Meyer, Kenneth Brian | Nanaimo | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Mitchell, Dennis Weston | Vernon | Sep 11, 2008 |
| Moore, George | Fraser Valley | Sep 16, 2010 |
| Moreshead, James Arthur | Nanaimo | Sep 09, 1993 |
| Moxley, Murray Clinton | Vancouver | Sep 17, 2009 |
| Norbury, Michael Robin | Vancouver | Sep 11, 2008 |
| Osterhold, Carsten Erhard | Vernon | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Parent, Robert Lawrence Monte | Fraser Valley | Sep 11, 2014 |
| Park, Robert | Fraser Valley | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Parker, David Fletcher Hewlett | Prince Rupert | Sep 14, 2000 |
| Parker, David Wesley | Victoria | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Pattison, Alan Manning | Vernon | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Phillipson, Christopher Michael | Fraser Valley | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Porter, Terence Earl | Nanaimo | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Pratt, Gary Earnest Stephen | Vernon | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Racicot, Neil Merritt | Victoria | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Rakuson, Maurice Brett | Castlegar/Nelson | Sep 14, 2017 |
| Rayner, Ralph Gordon | Nanaimo | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Shaw, Henry William | Vernon | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Slawson, Kenneth Earl | Nanaimo | Sep 14, 2017 |
| Sowden, Douglas Robert | Nanaimo | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Storrie, David Scott | Campbell River | Sep 15, 2016 |
| Strelaeff, Robert | Victoria | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Stutt, Donald Earl | Vancouver | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Swityk, Albert Henry | Castlegar/Nelson | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Taylor, William Earle | Victoria | Sep 16, 1999 |
| Tennessy, Michael Douglas | Prince Rupert | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Thibault, Douglas Robert | Kamloops | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Timmins, Leonard Randle | Prince George | Sep 14, 2017 |
| Turner, Brian Vernon | Kamloops | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Turner, Harold Kendall | Fraser Valley | Sep 17, 2009 |
| Vales, Danny DaCosta | Victoria | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Wallace, Graeme Gardner | Vancouver | Sep 14, 2017 |
| Walsh, Len | Victoria | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Ward, Leonard Golding | Kamloops | Sep 13, 2012 |
| Weller, William Neil | Prince George | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Westmacott, Neil Raymond | Nanaimo | Mar 26, 2022 |

| Name | Valley | Date Received |
|---|---|---|
| Wolverton, Lyle Craig | Nanaimo | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Woodburn, Jeffrey Allen | Victoria | Sep 17, 2009 |
| Yerxa, Wayne Donald | Vancouver | Mar 26, 2022 |

**MANITOBA (18)**

| Name | Valley | Date Received |
|---|---|---|
| Balodis, Evar | Winnipeg | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Brooker, John Barry | Winnipeg | Sep 11, 2014 |
| Cox, Kenneth Richard | Winnipeg | Sep 14, 2006 |
| Dickson, Frederic John | Winnipeg | Sep 10, 1992 |
| Fergusson, John Archibald | Winnipeg | Sep 09, 1982 |
| Gilchrist, William Alexander | Winnipeg | Sep 16, 1999 |
| Haldane-Wilsone, Charles Rae | Winnipeg | Sep 12, 1996 |
| Jones, Edward Henry | Winnipeg | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Kindrat, Derek Edwin | Brandon | Sep 14, 2006 |
| Ledger, Ronald Blair | Winnipeg | Sep 14, 2006 |
| Lerner, Hersch David | Winnipeg | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Logan, James David | Winnipeg | Sep 13, 2007 |
| McIver, Iain Michael | Winnipeg | Mar 26, 2022 |
| McMullan, Robert Grant | Brandon | Sep 13, 2007 |
| Pohl, Norman Rudolf | Winnipeg | Sep 12, 2013 |
| Rosenbaum, Harry Joseph | Winnipeg | Sep 16, 1999 |
| Spence, Balfour Albert Barnswell | Brandon | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Yorke, Charles Edward | Winnipeg | Sep 12, 2024 |

**NEW BRUNSWICK (23)**

| Name | Valley | Date Received |
|---|---|---|
| Allen, Stephen Hazen | Moncton | Sep 14, 2017 |
| Bell, Hugh Lawson | Moncton | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Bishop, Allan Harold | Fredericton | Sep 17, 2015 |
| Bishop, Laurie Murray | Fredericton | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Brown, Larry Edwin | Fredericton | Sep 16, 2010 |
| Clouston, Murray Elwin | Moncton | Sep 09, 1993 |
| Ellsworth, Barry Vance | Moncton | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Ellsworth, Gordon Scott | Moncton | Sep 11, 2014 |
| Finnie, Ronald Geoffrey | Fredericton | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Gagnon, Nelson Joseph | Moncton | Sep 17, 2015 |
| Knowles, Derek Colin | Moncton | Sep 16, 2010 |
| Manning, Leigh Lynn | Moncton | Sep 16, 2010 |
| McIsaac, Neil Frederick | Moncton | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Millett, William Donald | Moncton | Sep 16, 2010 |
| Moore, Daryl Leonard | Saint John | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Munn, Darrell Alexander | Fredericton | Sep 15, 2016 |
| Nason, Osborne LeBaron | Saint John | Sep 16, 1999 |
| Nelson, Randall William | Saint John | Sep 14, 2006 |
| Pelley, Finlay Graham | Saint John | Sep 11, 2003 |
| Petite, William James | Saint John | Sep 14, 2006 |
| Robinson, Russell John | Saint John | Sep 16, 2010 |
| Ross, David George | Saint John | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Whitcomb, Richard Murdoch | Saint John | Sep 16, 2010 |

## NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR (6)

| Name | Valley | Date Received |
|---|---|---|
| Budden, Gerald William | St. John's | Sep 17, 2015 |
| Handrigan, Clayton Thornhill | St. John's | Sep 13, 2012 |
| Mercer, Robert John | St. John's | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Miller, Douglas Paul Hugh | St. John's | Sep 15, 2016 |
| Parsons, Charles Richard | St. John's | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Rowsell, James Hedley | St. John's | Sep 11, 2014 |

## NOVA SCOTIA (25)

| Name | Valley | Date Received |
|---|---|---|
| Alteen, David Waldo | Sydney | Sep 17, 2009 |
| Armstrong, Lawrin Carl | Halifax | Sep 12, 1991 |
| Ford, Harvey James | Halifax | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Fraser, David Oran | Halifax | Sep 15, 2016 |
| Fulton, Robert James | Halifax | Sep 11, 2014 |
| Gammell, Frank Andrew | Halifax | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Giffin, Whitman Joseph | Halifax | Sep 14, 2017 |
| Granchelli, Gordon Francis | Sydney | Sep 17, 2015 |
| Gregan, James Ivan | Halifax | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Horwich, Michael | Halifax | Sep 13, 2007 |
| Ihasz, Louis | Sydney | Sep 13, 2012 |
| Jackson, Edward Carson | Halifax | Sep 13, 2001 |
| Langham, David George | Sydney | Sep 16, 2010 |
| Mac Iver, Gordon Grant | Sydney | Mar 26, 2022 |
| MacDonald, Brian Lee | Sydney | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Macdonald, Roderick Neil Sinclair | Halifax | Sep 15, 2022 |
| MacFarlane, Gordon Shane | Sydney | Sep 14, 1995 |
| MacLeod, Donald Fergusson | Sydney | Sep 13, 2012 |
| Meunier, Lloyd Walter | Halifax | Sep 16, 2010 |
| Moffatt, Garfield Ian | Halifax | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Pizzo, Ronald Ernest | Halifax | Sep 11, 2014 |
| Publicover, Gerald Louis | Halifax | Sep 14, 2000 |
| Reid, George Wesley | Halifax | Sep 13, 2012 |
| Thornhill, Roland John | Sydney | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Wilson, James Munroe | Halifax | Sep 14, 2017 |

## ONTARIO (524)

| Name | Valley | Date Received |
|---|---|---|
| Abraham, Victor Joel | Hamilton | Sep 17, 2015 |
| Adam, Michael Taylor | Sarnia | Sep 15, 2016 |
| Adamson, Kenneth Clare | Hamilton | Sep 13, 2001 |
| Alderson, Craig David | Kingston | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Alexander, Beverly Charles Wallace | Hamilton | Sep 13, 2001 |
| Alexander, Charles Robert | North Bay | Sep 11, 2003 |
| Allan, Frederick John | Hamilton | Sep 15, 2016 |
| Andersen, Bent Ove | London | Sep 17, 2009 |
| Anderson, Bruce David | Thunder Bay | Sep 13, 2012 |
| Anderson, Ernest John Burns | Toronto | Sep 17, 2015 |
| Anderson, Ian Logan | Hamilton | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Anderson, James Elverton | Barrie | Sep 11, 1997 |
| Anderson, John Karl | North Bay | Sep 12, 1985 |
| Anderson, Terence Mark | Barrie | Sep 12, 2024 |

| Name | Valley | Date Received |
|---|---|---|
| Arscott, Clifford Victor | Peterborough | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Astles, Francis Paul | Sault Ste. Marie | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Atkinson, Dennis Gordon | Chatham | Sep 14, 2006 |
| Atkinson, Gary Laverne | Sarnia | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Atkinson, Walter Herbert | Guelph | Sep 08, 1988 |
| Atkinson, William Michael | Windsor | Sep 16, 2010 |
| Atsidakos, Peter | Toronto | Sep 11, 1997 |
| Ault, John Sydney | Woodstock | Sep 13, 2007 |
| Bailey, Murray Brian | Peterborough | Sep 13, 2012 |
| Bailey, Robert William | Sarnia | Sep 14, 2000 |
| Bain, Donald William | North Bay | Sep 14, 1995 |
| Baker, John Albert | Hamilton | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Barber, James Russell | London | Sep 13, 2001 |
| Barber, Paul Michael | Windsor | Sep 17, 2009 |
| Barclay, Morven Reid | Sarnia | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Barendregt, Steven John Henry | Barrie | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Barker, Wayne Harry | London | Sep 17, 2009 |
| Bayne, George Potter | Woodstock | Sep 12, 2013 |
| Beard, Christopher John | London | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Beckley, Randy Duncan | Hamilton | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Bedford, Brock Howard | Hamilton | Sep 10, 1987 |
| Beggs, Loyal David | Sault Ste. Marie | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Bell, John David | Sudbury | Sep 12, 2013 |
| Benton, George Frederick | Hamilton | Sep 08, 1988 |
| Bergman, Donald Gordon Karl | Thunder Bay | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Beringer, Robert Dale | London | Sep 11, 2003 |
| Berry, Robert Alan | Hamilton | Sep 16, 1999 |
| Binns, Thomas Roy | Hamilton | Sep 12, 2002 |
| Black, Murray Strathearn | Toronto | Sep 12, 1996 |
| Blair, Rodney Charles | Guelph | Sep 15, 2011 |
| Blake, Dennis Raymond | Toronto | Sep 15, 2016 |
| Blyden-Taylor, Dwight Brainerd | Toronto | Sep 14, 2017 |
| Bodrogi, Leslie Tibor | Toronto | Sep 11, 2008 |
| Bothwell, Ray James | Peterborough | Sep 16, 1999 |
| Boucher, Jerome John Baptise | Niagara | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Bowick, James William | Kingston | Sep 14, 2017 |
| Bracken, Lyman Clair | Sudbury | Sep 17, 2015 |
| Braslins, Armin Peter | Ottawa | Sep 14, 2006 |
| Breitsprecher, Peter Heinz | Thunder Bay | Sep 12, 2002 |
| Bridges, James Baird | London | Sep 14, 2006 |
| Brimer, William Norman | Hamilton | Sep 16, 2010 |
| Brinston, Kenneth Gerard | Ottawa | Sep 14, 2006 |
| Brisbois, Kenneth Elgin | Hamilton | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Britton, Harvey Neil | Kingston | Sep 08, 1994 |
| Brodhurst, Ian Daniel | Toronto | Sep 16, 1999 |
| Brodsky, Morton Irving | Windsor | Sep 17, 2015 |
| Brooks, Robert James | Hamilton | Sep 16, 1999 |
| Brown, Terence John | Hamilton | Sep 12, 2002 |
| Bryce, Ivan Andonias | Sarnia | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Burchill, Barry Francis | Ottawa | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Burns, Edward Lional Stewart | Hamilton | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Burrell, Earl Godfrey | Toronto | Sep 13, 2012 |
| Burrill, Beverley Carlyle | Woodstock | Sep 17, 2015 |

| Name | Valley | Date Received |
|---|---|---|
| Byrne, Darren Joshua | Peterborough | Sep 14, 2017 |
| Cakebread, James Richard | Hamilton | Sep 17, 1998 |
| Cambridge, Edward Newell | Hamilton | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Cameron, David James | London | Sep 13, 2012 |
| Cameron, David Richard Norman | London | Sep 17, 2009 |
| Cammisuli, Frank Anthony | Hamilton | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Campbell, Donald | Hamilton | Sep 13, 2007 |
| Campbell, Donald Alexander | Toronto | Sep 12, 2013 |
| Campbell, Kenneth Edward | Peterborough | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Campbell, Robert Bruce | North Bay | Sep 15, 2016 |
| Campbell, Ronald Kenneth | Ottawa | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Carlson, Rene Paul | North Bay | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Case, Brian Douglas | Chatham | Sep 13, 2012 |
| Cayen, Gary Richard | Sudbury | Sep 15, 2011 |
| Chamney, Daniel William | Windsor | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Chamney, William Robert | Windsor | Sep 13, 2012 |
| Charles, Raymond | London | Sep 15, 2016 |
| Chartier, Bryan Patrick | Windsor | Sep 13, 2007 |
| Chase, Kenneth Wayne | Thunder Bay | Sep 17, 1998 |
| Chisholm, William George | Toronto | Sep 16, 2010 |
| Christensen, Eric Ole | Guelph | Sep 08, 1988 |
| Christie, Jeffrey Alan | Ottawa | Sep 15, 2011 |
| Clark, John Colin | North Bay | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Clarke, Harold | Toronto | Sep 16, 2010 |
| Clarke, Robert Hartley | Ottawa | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Clunie, Ian Lambie | Toronto | Sep 11, 1997 |
| Cobanov, Milan | Toronto | Sep 15, 2016 |
| Codack, Edward John | Toronto | Sep 14, 2017 |
| Coggins, Howard William | Barrie | Sep 16, 2010 |
| Collins, Brentnall Gordon | Toronto | Sep 14, 2017 |
| Collins, Robert Edwin | Toronto | Sep 13, 2007 |
| Connor, Paul William Walter | Barrie | Sep 16, 2010 |
| Conway, Douglas Alfred | Barrie | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Cook, Guy Willard | Niagara | Sep 14, 2006 |
| Cornthwaite, John Thomas | Sudbury | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Coulter, Murray LeRoy | Woodstock | Sep 09, 1993 |
| Cousins, Charles Lawrie | London | Sep 17, 2009 |
| Coyle, Leon Michael | Barrie | Sep 12, 2013 |
| Crawford, Douglas Alexander | Barrie | Sep 12, 2013 |
| Cresswell, Robert John | London | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Crinklaw, John Jay | London | Sep 14, 2000 |
| Crutcher, Gordon Collings | Toronto | Sep 14, 2006 |
| Cumming, John Alexander | Guelph | Sep 15, 2016 |
| Curl, Gordon Franklin | Guelph | Sep 13, 2001 |
| Cuthbertson, Dale Alexander | Sarnia | Sep 12, 2002 |
| Dale, Ian Brickenden | London | Sep 13, 2007 |
| Dasti, David Allen | Thunder Bay | Sep 17, 2015 |
| Davidson, Donald Alan | London | Sep 14, 2006 |
| Davidson, Gary William | London | Sep 11, 2003 |
| Davidson, Jeffrey Edward | London | Sep 14, 2017 |
| Davies, Richard Cerwyn | Toronto | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Dawe, David Douglas | Sault Ste. Marie | Sep 15, 2016 |
| Day, Robert Avery | London | Sep 16, 2010 |

| Name | Valley | Date Received |
|---|---|---|
| Dayman, Brian Donald | Guelph | Sep 14, 2017 |
| Deadman, William Leonard | Thunder Bay | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Deak, John Anthony | Peterborough | Mar 26, 2022 |
| DeGrow, Gary Ralph | Hamilton | Sep 15, 2022 |
| DeMello, Aires Joseph | Barrie | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Denison, William Ralph | Hamilton | Sep 14, 2017 |
| Dennis, Michael Glen | Sarnia | Sep 15, 2016 |
| Devereux, Albert Scott | Woodstock | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Dixon, John Ross | Sudbury | Sep 10, 1981 |
| Dobson, David Bruce | Barrie | Sep 13, 1990 |
| Dobson, John Kaberry | Windsor | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Domjan, Louis Michael | Hamilton | Sep 12, 2013 |
| Donnelly, Hugh Norman | Barrie | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Dowling, David Garry | London | Sep 16, 2010 |
| Downey, Douglas John | Hamilton | Sep 13, 2001 |
| Drummond, Scott Rodney | Peterborough | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Dunn, Wayne Edward | London | Sep 11, 2014 |
| Durant, Mark Spencer | Peterborough | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Dvorak, Allan Charles | Toronto | Sep 12, 2013 |
| Edwards, Bruce Gordon | Toronto | Sep 14, 2006 |
| Edwards, Timothy Alan | Toronto | Sep 17, 2015 |
| Elgie, Wayne Earl | Hamilton | Sep 12, 1991 |
| Emerick, Philip Walter | Chatham | Sep 13, 1990 |
| Ennest, William Stephen Scott | Niagara | Sep 17, 2009 |
| Ewen, Peter Donald | Hamilton | Sep 11, 1997 |
| Eyre, Michael Sean | Peterborough | Sep 17, 1998 |
| Fairbairn, George Brent | Toronto | Sep 13, 2012 |
| Faraday, Gregory Allan | Niagara | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Ferguson, Richard Burton | Ottawa | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Fick, Donald Ray | London | Sep 13, 1990 |
| Fickling, David Arthur | London | Sep 13, 2001 |
| Fiddes, Thomas Henry | Hamilton | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Findlater, Ronald Leroy Mitchell | Woodstock | Sep 15, 2011 |
| Fisher, Jeffery Keith | Sarnia | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Fisher, Peter Mason | Sarnia | Sep 14, 2017 |
| Fisher, Thomas Keith | Sarnia | Sep 14, 2006 |
| Fleming, Robert James | Sudbury | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Flemming, Lloyd Roy | Barrie | Sep 14, 2006 |
| Ford, James Edwin | London | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Forster, John Matthew | Ottawa | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Freedman, Richard Lee | North Bay | Sep 16, 2010 |
| Freeman, Walter John | Kingston | Sep 14, 2006 |
| Froud, Jeffrey Lawrence | North Bay | Sep 14, 1995 |
| Fudge, Kevin Scott | Peterborough | Sep 15, 2011 |
| Furlong, John | Toronto | Sep 15, 2011 |
| Galt, Douglas Everett | Peterborough | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Gardner, Kenneth Lorne | Guelph | Sep 14, 1995 |
| Gauthier, Mark | Ottawa | Sep 15, 2022 |
| German, Harvey Edwin | Chatham | Sep 17, 2015 |
| Gibson, Kyle Elton | Guelph | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Gilchrist, Gary Lee | North Bay | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Gill, Charles Sydney | Niagara | Sep 12, 2013 |
| Gillespie, Patrick Joseph | Sault Ste. Marie | Sep 15, 2022 |

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|---|---|---|
| Ginn, Harold Scott | London | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Goodman, Clarence Henry | Barrie | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Gordon, David | Hamilton | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Gordon, Mark James | London | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Gordon, Robert George | Hamilton | Sep 14, 2017 |
| Govan, Victor | London | Sep 13, 2007 |
| Graham, John Francis | Sault Ste. Marie | Sep 12, 1985 |
| Graham, William Coyle | Sarnia | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Grant, Andrew Gordon | North Bay | Sep 11, 2003 |
| Gray, Andrew Philip | Peterborough | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Green, John Cameron | Guelph | Sep 17, 2015 |
| Greer, Rodney Eldon | Barrie | Sep 11, 2008 |
| Grieve, Gordon Thomas | Sarnia | Sep 17, 2015 |
| Groshaw, Ronald Eric | Toronto | Sep 10, 1976 |
| Groves, Franklin William | Peterborough | Sep 17, 2015 |
| Guinn, John Gordon William | Ottawa | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Hale, Herbert James | London | Sep 12, 1996 |
| Hall, James Sherwood | Toronto | Sep 15, 2011 |
| Hamilton, Donald John | Guelph | Sep 17, 2009 |
| Hamilton, James Arthur | North Bay | Sep 12, 2002 |
| Hamilton, Lachlan Finnick | Barrie | Sep 11, 2008 |
| Hanna, John Robert | Hamilton | Sep 17, 1998 |
| Haramic, Robert | Windsor | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Haramic, Zeljko Josip | Windsor | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Harbert, Peter George | Ottawa | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Harding, James Lee | London | Sep 11, 2008 |
| Harper, James Mark | Niagara | Sep 11, 2008 |
| Harris, Roger Allan | Windsor | Sep 12, 2002 |
| Harrison, Donald Ferdinand | Ottawa | Sep 16, 1999 |
| Hart, James Francis Rudyard | Toronto | Sep 15, 2011 |
| Hay, John Richard | Peterborough | Sep 14, 2006 |
| Hayes, Randall George | Hamilton | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Heath, George Charles | Toronto | Sep 16, 1999 |
| Hedges, Christopher Ross | Barrie | Sep 13, 2012 |
| Hedges, Frederick Gordon | Barrie | Sep 15, 2011 |
| Hewson, Lawrence James | Hamilton | Sep 16, 1999 |
| Hicks, Larry Arthur | Woodstock | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Higgins, Christopher Paul | Thunder Bay | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Hilderley, Robert John | Woodstock | Sep 15, 2011 |
| Hillgren, Harold Einar | Hamilton | Sep 16, 1999 |
| Hooker, Philip Rice Alexander | Hamilton | Sep 17, 2009 |
| Hooper, Paul William | Windsor | Sep 16, 1999 |
| Hopcraft, Gordon Norman | North Bay | Sep 11, 2003 |
| Hopkins, Bernard Gordon | North Bay | Sep 17, 2009 |
| Horne, McAllister | Niagara | Sep 15, 2016 |
| Hornibrook, Terrence Malcolm | North Bay | Sep 17, 2009 |
| Howell, Walter Wiltshire | Peterborough | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Hughes, William Arthur | Peterborough | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Hull, Thomas Raynard | Peterborough | Sep 15, 2011 |
| Hunter, William Dale | Barrie | Sep 12, 2013 |
| Hutchinson, Randall Stephen Richard | Barrie | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Hutchison, Frederick David | Niagara | Sep 11, 2014 |
| Hutt, Alexander Rae | Barrie | Sep 12, 1991 |

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|---|---|---|
| Hynd, Wayne Charles | Barrie | Sep 12, 1985 |
| Ignatius, Carl Melvyn | Toronto | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Imrie, John Houston | Barrie | Sep 11, 2008 |
| Jack, Lachlan Brooke | Barrie | Sep 11, 1986 |
| Jackson, John Leonard | Windsor | Sep 14, 2000 |
| Jacobson, David Stanley | Toronto | Sep 16, 2004 |
| James, Alfred William Fraser | Peterborough | Sep 17, 2009 |
| James, Paul Anthony | Hamilton | Sep 15, 2005 |
| James, Robert Charles | Toronto | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Jameson, Robert Evan | Ottawa | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Jeffery, John Walter | Guelph | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Johnson, Brian Lorne | Barrie | Sep 12, 2013 |
| Johnson, Eric Norman | Thunder Bay | Sep 15, 2016 |
| Johnson, Jeffery Lloyd | Barrie | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Johnston, William Vernon Christie | Sarnia | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Johnstone, Norman Tyrrell | Toronto | Sep 13, 2007 |
| Jones, David Leslie | Sault Ste. Marie | Sep 17, 2009 |
| Jones, Earl Martin | London | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Jones, Glenson Trevelyn | Ottawa | Sep 16, 1999 |
| Jones, Harris Merton | Toronto | Sep 12, 2002 |
| Jones, Kevin Ronald Arthur | Ottawa | Sep 13, 2012 |
| Jones, Roderick Lee | Hamilton | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Judd, John Edward | London | Sep 08, 1988 |
| Kallio, Richard Robert | North Bay | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Kania, Chandrakant Jamnadas | Windsor | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Keay, Robert Alexander | Peterborough | Sep 14, 2006 |
| Kerr, James David | Peterborough | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Kerr, Robert Edward | Hamilton | Sep 11, 2008 |
| Kerrigan, Eugene | Windsor | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Kiernan, Brian Thomas | Hamilton | Sep 14, 2017 |
| King, Andrew Baptie | Guelph | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Kingsley, Michael Joseph | Hamilton | Sep 12, 2013 |
| Kingston, James David | Thunder Bay | Sep 14, 2000 |
| Kitching, Roger Allen | Sudbury | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Klotz, Peter | Niagara | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Knapp, George Kenneth | Toronto | Sep 11, 2003 |
| Knott, Roderick Dawson | Barrie | Sep 17, 1998 |
| Koivu, Brian Vilho | Sudbury | Sep 15, 2011 |
| Kreibich, Kenneth Louis | Sarnia | Sep 17, 1998 |
| Lacourse, Jacques Craig | North Bay | Sep 14, 2017 |
| LaFleur, Ian Maxwell | Toronto | Sep 14, 2017 |
| LaFleur, Vernon Ivor | Toronto | Sep 11, 2014 |
| Lake, Philip Leonard | Peterborough | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Laliberte, Donald Kenneth | Hamilton | Sep 15, 2016 |
| Lappan, Clifford Earl | Kingston | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Lark, John George Irwin | Ottawa | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Laughton, Donald James | Windsor | Sep 14, 2000 |
| Lawson, Bryan Wilmer | Barrie | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Lee, Dennis Harold | Toronto | Sep 13, 2007 |
| Lee, William Burton | Peterborough | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Leek, William James | Barrie | Sep 17, 2009 |
| Lees, William Thomas | Hamilton | Sep 15, 1983 |
| Legault, Jean-Francois | Ottawa | Sep 12, 2024 |

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|---|---|---|
| Lewis, Joseph Winnett | Hamilton | Sep 14, 2017 |
| Linnemoller, Mark | Barrie | Sep 11, 2014 |
| Liukko, Paavo Eric | Sudbury | Sep 15, 2016 |
| Lochbihler, Herbert Roger | Hamilton | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Lockey, Kevin James | Niagara | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Loshaw, Giles Orville | Ottawa | Sep 17, 2015 |
| Love, Roland | Hamilton | Sep 13, 1990 |
| Lowry, Lyn Milton | Peterborough | Sep 14, 2006 |
| Lundberg, Neil Alfred | Thunder Bay | Sep 17, 2015 |
| Luoma, Reijo Allan | Sudbury | Sep 12, 2024 |
| MacCallum, John Arthur | Toronto | Sep 10, 1976 |
| Mackey, David Richard | Ottawa | Sep 16, 2010 |
| MacLeod, David Cameron | London | Sep 17, 2009 |
| MacLeod, John Russell | London | Sep 08, 1988 |
| MacLeod, Wendall Everett | Toronto | Sep 12, 1996 |
| MacMillan, Alexander Harvey | Hamilton | Mar 26, 2022 |
| MacNevin, Randy Alexander | Windsor | Sep 11, 2014 |
| MacPherson, John Lando | Hamilton | Sep 15, 2016 |
| Magwood, Gary William | Hamilton | Sep 17, 2015 |
| Malek, Joe | Barrie | Sep 11, 2014 |
| Maley, Peter George William | Hamilton | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Mallabar, Richard Cameron | Niagara | Sep 13, 2012 |
| Malmo, William Merton | London | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Mandeville, Roland Patrick | Toronto | Sep 13, 2012 |
| Manz, Robert Frank | Thunder Bay | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Marshall, Thomas Richard | Hamilton | Sep 17, 2015 |
| Martin, Michael Ross | Hamilton | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Martin, Ross Lyle | Barrie | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Martin, Stephen Wayne | Barrie | Sep 15, 2011 |
| Mathie, Norman | Toronto | Sep 17, 2009 |
| Matijek, Peter John | North Bay | Sep 12, 1996 |
| Maynard, Terry Albert | Chatham | Sep 16, 2010 |
| McAuley, William Wayne | Barrie | Sep 13, 2001 |
| McCarthy, Stephen Justin | Peterborough | Sep 12, 2013 |
| McCausland, Arnold | Toronto | Sep 17, 2009 |
| McDonald, Arthur James | Windsor | Sep 14, 2017 |
| McGill, Noel Ian Murray | Ottawa | Sep 08, 1994 |
| McGuire, Donald Ross | Chatham | Sep 15, 2016 |
| McIntyre, Alfred Scott | Hamilton | Sep 15, 2011 |
| McIntyre, Stephen Robert | Barrie | Sep 13, 2012 |
| McKaig, John Albert | London | Sep 14, 2006 |
| McKay, Edward Clark | Hamilton | Sep 11, 2014 |
| McKay, Gordon Alexander | North Bay | Sep 11, 2008 |
| McKillip, John William | Barrie | Sep 17, 2015 |
| McLean, Timothy Mark | Ottawa | Mar 26, 2022 |
| McLelland, Andrew Lind | Toronto | Sep 17, 2009 |
| McMillan, Ronald William | Peterborough | Sep 15, 2005 |
| McQuade, Stephen Joseph | Hamilton | Sep 13, 2018 |
| McQuaide, John David Douglas | Peterborough | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Meadows, Raymond Russel | North Bay | Sep 17, 2015 |
| Metcalf, Robert Terry | Niagara | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Militello, John | Toronto | Sep 15, 2011 |
| Millard, Michael John Russell | North Bay | Mar 26, 2022 |

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|---|---|---|
| Miller, Ralph Harold | Kingston | Sep 12, 2013 |
| Miller, William Bruce | Guelph | Sep 15, 2011 |
| Milligan, Allan Roy | Barrie | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Mitchell, George Arthur | Niagara | Sep 17, 2009 |
| Mitchell, William Douglas | Niagara | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Moffat, Blain Ronald | Peterborough | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Molata, Richard Lewis | Hamilton | Sep 12, 2013 |
| Moore, Donald Ross | Kingston | Sep 17, 1998 |
| Morgan, Gary Stewart | Barrie | Sep 16, 2010 |
| Morrow, Alred Latona | Guelph | Sep 13, 2007 |
| Mortlock, Thomas Albert | Peterborough | Sep 13, 2001 |
| Muha, Ronald Joseph | Niagara | Sep 14, 2017 |
| Mullen, Benson Fredrick | Sudbury | Sep 14, 2017 |
| Murdock, Robert James | Barrie | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Murphy, Terrance John | Guelph | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Murray, Gordon Philip | Barrie | Sep 13, 2007 |
| Mylks, Herbert Gordon | Kingston | Sep 16, 2010 |
| Napper, George Alan | Guelph | Sep 12, 2002 |
| Nelson, Gary Wayne | North Bay | Sep 14, 1989 |
| Newton, Harold Edward | Kingston | Sep 17, 2015 |
| Nichols, Arthur Douglas | Toronto | Sep 12, 1991 |
| Nichols, David William | London | Sep 16, 2010 |
| Nickerson, Kris David | Hamilton | Sep 11, 2014 |
| Niddery, Robert Buchanan | Toronto | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Noble, Dennis Marshall | Hamilton | Sep 14, 2000 |
| Noseworthy, Jeffery Allan | Ottawa | Sep 13, 2018 |
| O'Leary, Dennis Michael | Windsor | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Olley, Gregory Edward | Toronto | Sep 15, 2016 |
| Olm, Keith Dale | Ottawa | Sep 15, 2011 |
| Osborne, Derek Edward | Toronto | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Ough, Robert Allan | Peterborough | Sep 14, 2017 |
| Pachal, Terence Dennis Fredric | North Bay | Sep 12, 1996 |
| Page, Warren Edward | Hamilton | Sep 15, 2011 |
| Pagonis, Anastasios Tom | Toronto | Sep 13, 2007 |
| Palacol, Eugene Patrick | Toronto | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Palin, Russell William | Peterborough | Sep 13, 2012 |
| Panke, Burton Reinhold | Ottawa | Sep 13, 1990 |
| Papavramidis, Dimitrios | Toronto | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Paquette, Joseph Ernest Denis | Hamilton | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Parker, Robert Edwin | London | Sep 15, 2011 |
| Parker, Thomas Ralph | Woodstock | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Parker, Wayne Cedric | Ottawa | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Parks, Burton William | North Bay | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Parliament, Roger Garnott | Hamilton | Sep 10, 1987 |
| Parnell, Grant Howard | Peterborough | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Paterson, John McKenzie | Windsor | Sep 10, 1987 |
| Pearce, Bruce Ernest | Sault Ste. Marie | Sep 16, 2010 |
| Pearcy, Douglas James | Peterborough | Sep 11, 2003 |
| Peddle, Thomas Fredrick | Hamilton | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Pedler, David Harold | Hamilton | Sep 15, 2016 |
| Pedwell, Timothy Russell | Niagara | Sep 12, 2002 |
| Perham, John Harold | Niagara | Sep 12, 2013 |
| Perkins, Garry Stuart | Barrie | Sep 15, 2022 |

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|---|---|---|
| Peters, Stephen John | London | Sep 15, 2011 |
| Petrisor, Allan John | Woodstock | Sep 14, 2000 |
| Plummer, Larry David | Sarnia | Sep 13, 2001 |
| Plyley, David John | Niagara | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Pocock, Steven Terry | London | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Pogue, Mark Fisher | Ottawa | Sep 14, 2017 |
| Polkinghorne, Peter John | Chatham | Sep 11, 2003 |
| Poon, Stanley Akit | Toronto | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Potter, Gary George | London | Sep 17, 2009 |
| Pratt, Donald Leigh Buchanan | Woodstock | Sep 14, 1989 |
| Pratt, Kennard William Ronald | Barrie | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Pridham, Norman Stanley Thompson | Toronto | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Pudas, James Albert | Thunder Bay | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Quinn, John Marshall | Niagara | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Quinn, Keith Edwin | Barrie | Sep 12, 1996 |
| Quinn, Wayne Allan | Sudbury | Sep 16, 1999 |
| Revell, Wallace David | Kingston | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Rhodes, Peter Anthony | Peterborough | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Richardson, Frank | Barrie | Sep 15, 2016 |
| Richardson, William Thomas | Peterborough | Sep 11, 2014 |
| Robinson, William Todd | Barrie | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Rose, Hugh Donald | Peterborough | Sep 11, 2003 |
| Ross, Robert Charles | Hamilton | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Rousell, Don Herbert | Sudbury | Sep 17, 2015 |
| Rowe, James Scott | Barrie | Sep 14, 2017 |
| Runciman, Robert Thomas | Sudbury | Sep 10, 1992 |
| Saunders, Ronald Douglas | London | Sep 08, 1988 |
| Schmeler, David Francis | Barrie | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Schneider, Earl Leo | Guelph | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Schweitzer, Brian Kenneth | Hamilton | Sep 12, 2002 |
| Scott, Douglas Allan | Kingston | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Scott, Graham Alexander | Toronto | Sep 17, 2015 |
| Scott, Johnston Arthur Hamm | Hamilton | Sep 14, 2006 |
| Seckington, James John | Toronto | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Seeley, William Barry | Barrie | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Segui, Thomas Bilardino | London | Sep 11, 2008 |
| Shand, Terence | Toronto | Sep 16, 1999 |
| Shannon, Brian Carle | Barrie | Sep 14, 2006 |
| Shaver, Gary Lawson | Ottawa | Sep 14, 2000 |
| Shaw, Eric Llewellyn | Peterborough | Sep 14, 2006 |
| Siegfried, Brian Ross | Thunder Bay | Sep 14, 2017 |
| Siemiernik, Thomas Andrew | Woodstock | Sep 17, 2015 |
| Silk, David Murray | Barrie | Sep 12, 1996 |
| Simpson, Donald Alan | Guelph | Sep 12, 2002 |
| Simpson, Glen Allan | Ottawa | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Singleton, Steven Arthur | Toronto | Sep 14, 2006 |
| Slee, Richard Charles | Toronto | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Sleightholm, Lorne Terry | Toronto | Sep 12, 2013 |
| Slessor, John Ambrose | Barrie | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Smith, Allan Lavern | Thunder Bay | Sep 17, 2015 |
| Smith, Donald Beverley | Sarnia | Sep 08, 1988 |
| Smith, Donald Goodwin | Peterborough | Sep 08, 1988 |
| Smith, Frederick Charles | London | Sep 11, 2014 |

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|---|---|---|
| Smith, John Kevin | Woodstock | Sep 11, 2014 |
| Smith, Leo Joseph | Toronto | Sep 11, 2014 |
| Smith, Robert Ellard | Thunder Bay | Sep 12, 2013 |
| Snider, Barry Craig | Guelph | Sep 13, 2007 |
| Sotto, Bonifacio Andres | Windsor | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Soucisse, Garry David | North Bay | Sep 13, 2007 |
| South, William Edward | North Bay | Sep 11, 2014 |
| Spence, Reade Kendall | Chatham | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Squarzolo, David Mario John | Sudbury | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Stamboulian, Libarid | Windsor | Sep 15, 2016 |
| Stapleton, George Elwood | Hamilton | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Stathakis, Koulis | Toronto | Sep 13, 2012 |
| Steed, Arnold Lyall | Niagara | Sep 11, 2003 |
| Stephen, Arnold Paul | Barrie | Sep 14, 2000 |
| Stevens, David Mark | Toronto | Sep 11, 2014 |
| Stevenson, Robert Michael | London | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Stewart, Charles Bruce | Toronto | Sep 12, 2002 |
| Stewart, James Kenneth | Hamilton | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Stewart, Larry Hugh | Niagara | Sep 11, 2008 |
| Stewart, Ronald Gary | Guelph | Sep 15, 2016 |
| Stewart, Ronald James | Hamilton | Sep 11, 2014 |
| Stillar, Gerald Andrew | North Bay | Sep 14, 2006 |
| Stinson, Ronald Thomas | Hamilton | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Strain, Stuart Gordon | London | Sep 14, 2006 |
| Stuart, Gordon Harold | Hamilton | Sep 11, 1986 |
| Sulman, Douglas Anthony | Chatham | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Surovy, Dushan | Toronto | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Sutherland, William Ross | London | Sep 14, 1995 |
| Sworik, Dylan Michael | London | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Tarcea, George Richard | Windsor | Sep 17, 2009 |
| Tarr, William Peter | Chatham | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Tate, Robert Clifford | Ottawa | Sep 13, 2007 |
| Taylor, Robert Melville | Ottawa | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Teniuk, Roy George | Thunder Bay | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Teskey, Brian Lloyd | Hamilton | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Thom, Daryl Arthur | Niagara | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Thomas, John Keir | Sault Ste. Marie | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Thompson, Adam Edward | Ottawa | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Thompson, Donald William | Woodstock | Sep 12, 2013 |
| Thompson, John Franklin | Barrie | Sep 15, 2016 |
| Thomson, John Ronald | Guelph | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Thomson, William Bruce | Toronto | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Tight, Douglas William | Chatham | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Todd, Paul Edward | Ottawa | Sep 11, 2008 |
| Tomlinson, Douglas Robert | Barrie | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Toole, Christopher Earl | Barrie | Sep 12, 2013 |
| Tooley, Barry Bryne | Sudbury | Sep 17, 2015 |
| Traves, David Ivan Howard | Toronto | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Truscott, Robert William | Windsor | Sep 17, 2015 |
| Turner, Gerald Lawrence | Ottawa | Sep 14, 2000 |
| Utton, William Frederic | Toronto | Sep 12, 2013 |
| Vail, Bradley Louis | Barrie | Sep 15, 2011 |
| van Rees, Edward Gerrit Theodore | Woodstock | Sep 11, 1997 |

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|---|---|---|
| Vasko, James George | Toronto | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Vaughan, William Otto Alfred | Toronto | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Veitch, Kenneth Carman | Barrie | Sep 12, 1991 |
| Walker, David George | Barrie | Sep 11, 2008 |
| Walker, George Dexter | Barrie | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Wallace, John | Toronto | Sep 11, 2003 |
| Wallace, Perry Chester | Guelph | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Walsh, Earl John | Toronto | Sep 11, 2008 |
| Wark, James Orville | Guelph | Sep 15, 2011 |
| Watson, Frederick Ralph | Peterborough | Sep 15, 2011 |
| Watson, Robert Trevor | Peterborough | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Weber, Kent Thomas | Sault Ste. Marie | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Weeks, William Joseph Lawrence | Sault Ste. Marie | Sep 17, 1998 |
| Weir, Paul Mervyn Gordon | Barrie | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Welbanks, Eric Francis | Kingston | Sep 10, 1992 |
| West, Douglas Allan | Guelph | Sep 15, 2005 |
| West, Maynard Burton | Barrie | Sep 13, 2007 |
| West, Ralph Henry | Guelph | Sep 14, 1995 |
| White, Clifford Eugene | Barrie | Sep 15, 2022 |
| White, William Morris | London | Sep 14, 2006 |
| Whitely, Larry George | Sault Ste. Marie | Sep 16, 1999 |
| Whitmore, Bruce Neil | London | Sep 15, 2011 |
| Wight, Lorne Douglas | Woodstock | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Wilson, Harold Raymond | Hamilton | Sep 13, 2007 |
| Winfield, Leigh Herbert | Peterborough | Sep 08, 1994 |
| Winter, Clark Wayne | Toronto | Sep 12, 2013 |
| Winterton, Donald Herbert Charles | Windsor | Sep 10, 1992 |
| Wiwchar, Christopher Michael | Barrie | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Wood, Michael Graham | Barrie | Sep 17, 2009 |
| Woodhead, Harry Evan | Toronto | Sep 13, 2007 |
| Woods, Sidney John | Barrie | Sep 16, 1999 |
| Wright, Herbert Ernest | Toronto | Sep 12, 2013 |
| Zimmerman, James Peter | Guelph | Mar 26, 2022 |

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| Name | Valley | Date Received |
|---|---|---|
| Burleigh, Paul James | Summerside | Sep 11, 2008 |
| Campbell, David Roy | Summerside | Sep 10, 1992 |
| Crozier, Kevin Bruce | Summerside | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Delaney, Michael Joseph | Summerside | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Howatt, James Cooke | Summerside | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Newson, James Wayne | Summerside | Sep 11, 2014 |
| Roy, Robert Hugh | Summerside | Sep 12, 2013 |

## QUÉBEC (21)

| Name | Valley | Date Received |
|---|---|---|
| Almadini, Kaled | Montreal | Sep 14, 2017 |
| Arturi, Paul | Quebec | Sep 11, 2003 |
| Atkins, David Ralph | Quebec | Sep 11, 1997 |
| Chiniara, Gilles | Quebec | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Contaxakis, George | Montreal | Mar 26, 2022 |
| De Sevigne, John Howard | Montreal | Sep 11, 2014 |
| Djigounian, Jean-Baptiste | Montreal | Sep 15, 2011 |

| Name | Valley | Date Received |
|---|---|---|
| El Arja, Rami | Montreal | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Georges, Jean-Ronald | Montreal (F) | Sep 14, 2017 |
| Guay, Joseph Claude Richard | Montreal (F) | Sep 17, 2015 |
| Kahkeshan, Siavoche | Montreal | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Laframboise, Rejean | Montreal | Sep 16, 2010 |
| Leide, John Edgar | Montreal | Sep 14, 2006 |
| Lono, Armand John | Montreal | Sep 12, 1996 |
| McDonald, John Alvin | Montreal | Sep 15, 2022 |
| McKeown, Gary Brian | Montreal | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Ross, Donald Carter | Montreal | Sep 10, 1992 |
| Sicard, Marc Andre | Montreal | Sep 13, 2012 |
| Snickars, Peter John | Montreal | Sep 17, 2009 |
| Tardy, Raymond | Montreal | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Thibodeau, Joseph Aime Gilles | Quebec | Sep 16, 2004 |

**SASKATCHEWAN (36)**

| Name | Valley | Date Received |
|---|---|---|
| Angel, Joseph Francis | Saskatoon | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Bachynski, Colin Borden | Regina | Sep 15, 2005 |
| Boyachek, Victor Michael | Regina | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Brunsdon, William Richard Ian | Saskatoon | Sep 15, 2011 |
| Bye, Raymond George | Regina | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Cameron, Allen Orville | Regina | Sep 10, 1981 |
| Davey, James Gordon | Saskatoon | Sep 17, 2015 |
| Goodman, Calvin Lloyd | Saskatoon | Sep 14, 2017 |
| Gutfriend, Richard Joseph | Regina | Sep 11, 2008 |
| Halstead, Timothy Philip Gresham | Saskatoon | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Hanlan, Graham Ronald | Regina | Sep 10, 1987 |
| Hart, Darrell Allan | Saskatoon | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Henry, William John | Regina | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Hyland, Daryl Ricky | Saskatoon | Sep 14, 2006 |
| Martin, Foster Murray | Regina | Sep 15, 2011 |
| Matheson, Robert Neil | Saskatoon | Sep 12, 1985 |
| McAuley, Joshua Declan | Saskatoon | Sep 15, 2022 |
| McDougall, Donald Sheldon | Regina | Sep 15, 2022 |
| McFarland, James Byron | Saskatoon | Sep 15, 2022 |
| McGregor, Norman James | Saskatoon | Sep 13, 2018 |
| Meyers, David Florian | Saskatoon | Sep 13, 2007 |
| Miller, Edward Albert | Saskatoon | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Munn, Morley Eldon | Regina | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Ollerich, Justin James | Saskatoon | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Pizzey, William Kent | Saskatoon | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Polachek, David John Ross | Regina | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Rigden, Charles Andrew | Regina | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Rondeau, Kirk Malcolm | Regina | Sep 14, 2006 |
| Sandiford, Erskine Frank Winston | Regina | Sep 17, 2009 |
| Sherstobitoff, Gary Peter | Saskatoon | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Sherstobitoff, Jonathan Lynn | Saskatoon | Sep 13, 2012 |
| Skuce, Dennis John | Saskatoon | Sep 14, 2017 |
| Snell, Graham Blake | Saskatoon | Mar 26, 2022 |
| Stickney, James Allan | Saskatoon | Sep 12, 2024 |
| Tataryn, Russell Murray | Regina | Sep 15, 2022 |
| Yanko, Terrance Kimberly | Regina | Sep 15, 2022 |

## Members At Large By Virtue of Art. 13 (12)

| Name | Valley | Date Received |
|---|---|---|
| Aberdeen, Robert Gordon John | Edmonton | Sep 11, 1980 |
| Brower-Berkhoven, Isaac Brock | Fraser Valley | Sep 11, 2008 |
| Carey, Jack Ernest | Regina | Sep 14, 2006 |
| Moorse, Brian Jeffrey | Toronto | Sep 14, 2000 |
| Mumford, Gene Gordon | Guelph | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Nissen, Peter Ragnar | Montreal | Sep 13, 1990 |
| Perry, Alan Martin | Calgary | Sep 16, 1999 |
| Raine, Norman David | Fredericton | Sep 13, 1990 |
| Ramsay, Harold Douglas | Regina | Sep 14, 1979 |
| Rutherford, Frederick Ingram | Halifax | Sep 08, 1994 |
| Thomas, Norman Randall | Edmonton | Sep 16, 2004 |
| Weaver, Lorne Bruce | Windsor | Sep 15, 2005 |

## Members At Large By Virtue of Art. 14 (1)

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|---|---|---|
| Robbins, George Russell | Hamilton | Sept. 12, 2002 |

## Honorary Members of Other Supreme Councils Since 1874

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1874 | †Dr. Robert Hamilton | Grand Chaplain | *England & Wales |
| | †Hon. Albert Pike | Sovereign Grand Commander | Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. |
| | †Josiah H. Drummond | Sovereign Grand Commander | Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. |
| 1877 | †John F. Townshend | Sovereign Grand Commander | Ireland |
| 1888 | †The Earl of Lathom | Sovereign Grand Commander | *England & Wales |
| | †Col. Nathaniel G. Phillips | P. Sov. Grand Commander | *England & Wales |
| | †The Earl of Rosslyn | Sovereign Grand Commander | Scotland |
| | †Jacinto de Castro | Sovereign Grand Commander | St. Domingo |
| | †Henry L. Palmer | Sovereign Grand Commander | Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. |
| | †George Otis Tyler | Active Member | Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. |
| 1892 | †D. Burnam Tracy | Active Member | Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. |
| 1893 | †Brenton Daniel Babcock | Active Member | Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. |
| 1895 | †Frederick Webber | Secretary-General | Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. |
| 1897 | †Clinton Paige | Secretary-General | Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. |
| 1906 | †Hon. James D. Richardson | Sovereign Grand Commander | Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. |
| | †James Hodge Codding | Secretary-General | Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. |
| | †James Isaac Buchanan | Active Member | Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. |
| 1907 | †The Compte G.D'Alviella | Sovereign Grand Commander | Belgium |
| 1909 | †Jean Marie Raymond | Sovereign Grand Commander | France |
| | †William Homan | Active Member | Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. |
| | †Gen. Samuel C.Lawrence | Sovereign Grand Commander | Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. |
| 1913 | †Field Marshall H.R.H. Arthur W.P.A. Duke of Connaught & Strathern K.G. | Grand Patron | *England & Wales |
| | †Barton Smith | Sovereign Grand Commander | Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. |
| 1915 | †George Fleming Moore | Sovereign Grand Commander | Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. |
| 1922 | †Raoul V. Palermi | Sovereign Grand Commander | Italy |
| | †Leon Martin Abbott | Sovereign Grand Commander | Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. |
| 1924 | †Ernest Bertrand Hussey | Grand Rep.S. C. of Canada | Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. |
| 1927 | †John H. Cowles | Sovereign Grand Commander | Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. |
| 1929 | †The Right Hon. The Earl of Donoughmore K.P. | Sovereign Grand Commander | *England & Wales |
| 1932 | †Frederic B.Stevens | P.Grand Lt. Commander | Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. |
| 1933 | †Melvin Maynard Johnson | Sovereign Grand Commander | Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. |
| 1937 | †Charles C. Nisbet | Sovereign Grand Commander | Scotland |

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|---|---|---|---|
| | †Hon. Justice Gerald FitzGibbon | Sovereign Grand Commander | Ireland |
| 1941 | †The Right Hon. The Earl of Stair, K.T., D.S.O. | Sovereign Grand Commander | Scotland |
| 1943 | †J. Gilbart Smyly | Sovereign Grand Commander | Ireland |
| 1949 | †Col. Sir Henry McMahon, G.C.M.G. | Sovereign Grand Commander | *England & Wales |
| | †George E. Bushnell | Past Grand Lt Commander | Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. |
| 1950 | †Sir Trevor J. Matthews | Sovereign Grand Commander | *England & Wales |
| | †The Right Hon. The Earl of Elgin & Kincardine | Past Grand Lt Commander | Scotland |
| 1952 | †Raymond F. Brooke | Sovereign Grand Commander | Ireland |
| | †Frederic H. Stevens | Sovereign Grand Commander | Philippines |
| 1953 | †Thomas J. Harkins | Sovereign Grand Commander | Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. |
| | †Charles P. Summerall | Grand Minister of State | Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. |
| | †René J. Raymond | Sovereign Grand Commander | France |
| 1954 | †N. Garcia Bapista | Sovereign Grand Commander | Venezuela |
| 1955 | †The Right Hon. The Lord Saltoun | Grand Chancellor | Scotland |
| 1955 | †Fabian Onsari | Sovereign Grand Commander | Argentina |
| | †Thomas C. Law | Active Member | Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. |
| | †Arthur L. F. Cook | Sovereign Grand Commander | *England & Wales |
| 1956 | †Major Robert L. Loyd, M.C., O.B.E. | Sovereign Grand Commander | *England & Wales |
| | †Luther A. Smith | Sovereign Grand Commander | Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. |
| 1964 | †The Right Hon. The Lord Macdonald | Sovereign Grand Commander | Scotland |
| | †Col. Sir Basil A. T. McFarland | Sovereign Grand Commander | Ireland |
| | †W. B. I. Hofman | Sovereign Grand Commander | The Netherlands |
| 1964 | †Conrado Benitez | Sovereign Grand Commander | Philippines |
| | †Raul Cordero Amador | Sovereign Grand Commander | Mexico |
| 1967 | †George A. Newbury | Sovereign Grand Commander | Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. |
| 1969 | †Sir Eric Studd, Bt., O.B.E. | Sovereign Grand Commander | *England & Wales |
| 1970 | †Henry C. Clausen | Sovereign Grand Commander | Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. |
| 1971 | †The Right Hon. The Earl of Galloway | Sovereign Grand Commander | Scotland |
| 1976 | †Major-General Sir Ralph Hone | Sovereign Grand Commander | *England & Wales |
| | †Stanley F. Maxwell | Sovereign Grand Commander | Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. |
| 1980 | †Alberto Mansur | Sovereign Grand Commander | Brazil |
| 1982 | Henri L. Baranger | Sovereign Grand Commander | France |
| 1986 | †C. Fred Kleinknecht | Sovereign Grand Commander | Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. |
| | †Francis G. Paul | Sovereign Grand Commander | Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. |

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1982 | †Harold D. Still | Sovereign Grand Commander | *England & Wales |
| | †Lauri Sarkia | Sovereign Grand Commander | Finland |
| | †C. J. P. van Boven | Sovereign Grand Commander | The Netherlands |
| | †Jean-Pierre Grenier | Sovereign Grand Commander | Switzerland |
| | †Sidney R. Baxter | Asst. to the SGC | Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. |
| 1993 | †Andrew Watt | Sovereign Grand Commander | Australia |
| | †Agustin Arriaga Rivera | Sovereign Grand Commander | Mexico |
| 1994 | Robert O. Ralston | Sovereign Grand Commander | Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. |
| | †David Kruger | Grand Secretary-General | Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. |
| 2000 | †J. Philip Berquist | Past Deputy for Massachusetts | Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. |
| 2004 | †Walter E. Webber | Sovereign Grand Commander | Northern Jurisdiction, USA |
| 2005 | Ronald A. Seale | Sovereign Grand Commander | Southern Jurisdiction, USA |
| | Jack D. Rehberg | Grand Almoner, Active Member | Southern Jurisdiction, USA |
| 2006 | Jack Ball | Sovereign Grand Commander | Australia |
| 2007 | John Wm. McNaughton | Sovereign Grand Commander | Northern Jurisdiction, USA |
| 2011 | Luiz Fernando Rodrigues Torres | Sovereign Grand Commander | Brazil |
| | George Turek | Honorary Inspector-General | Czech Republic |
| 2012 | Jean Luc Fauque | Sovereign Grand Commander | France |
| 2017 | Eberhard Desch | Sovereign Grand Commander | Germany |
| 2018 | David A. Glattly | Sovereign Grand Commander | Northern Jurisdiction, USA |
| 2020 | James D. Cole | Sovereign Grand Commander | Southern Jurisdiction, USA |
| | Alan J. Englefield | Sovereign Grand Commander | England and Wales |
| | J. M. Marcus Humphrey of Dinnet | Sovereign Grand Commander | Scotland |
| 2023 | Peter J. Samiec | Sovereign Grand Commander | Northern Jurisdiction, USA |

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† Benjamin Tooke
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† Robert Colledge
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† William Fairley
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† Glenn Marvin Martin
† James Campbell Bassey
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† Robert Alfred Barnett
† John Earl Esworthy Winch
† Daniel Fraser Howes
Orlan John Weber
† Phillip Hendry Raymond
† Robert Lawrence Waddell
† Edward George Kerr
† Richard Elliot Barr
† Charles Robert Townshend
† Norman George Clarke
† Robert George Wands
† Donald Norman Campbell
† John Dennis Chadbourne
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|---|---|---|
| | Neville G. Sheppard, 32° | St. John’s |
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## Lodge of Perfection

| Province | City | Name | 2022 | Discp | Admitted | Affiliated | Restored | Died | Left | Susp'd | 2023 | Chg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **AB** | Calgary | Calgary | 138 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 131 | -7 |
| **L of Perf** | Lacombe | Central Alberta | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 0 |
| | Edmonton | Edmonton | 233 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 10 | 15 | 207 | -26 |
| | Lethbridge | Lethbridge | 36 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 33 | -3 |
| | Medicine Hat | Medicine Hat | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 |
| | **5** | **Total** | **465** | **1** | **13** | **3** | **1** | **20** | **13** | **21** | **429** | **-36** |
| **BC** | Campbell River | Strathcona | 48 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 50 | 2 |
| **L of Perf** | Castlegar/Nelson | Kootenay | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 20 | -4 |
| | Langley | Fraser Valley | 80 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 77 | -3 |
| | Kamloops | Thompson | 58 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 55 | -3 |
| | Nanaimo | Colville | 73 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 77 | 4 |
| | Prince George | Cariboo | 57 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 57 | 0 |
| | Prince Rupert | Skeena Valley | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 0 |
| | Vancouver | Vancouver | 145 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 145 | 0 |
| | Vernon | Okanagan | 110 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 105 | -5 |
| | Victoria | Victoria | 130 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 127 | -3 |
| | **10** | **Total** | **752** | **1** | **21** | **6** | **1** | **13** | **22** | **6** | **740** | **-12** |
| **MB** | Brandon | Brandon | 24 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 3 |
| **L of Perf** | Winnipeg | Winnipeg | 118 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 108 | -10 |
| | **2** | **Total** | **142** | **0** | **7** | **0** | **5** | **6** | **3** | **10** | **135** | **-7** |
| **NB** | Fredericton | Maxwell | 51 | -2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 47 | -4 |
| **L of Perf** | Moncton | Moncton | 91 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 77 | -14 |
| | Saint John | Saint John | 69 | -4 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 63 | -6 |
| | **3** | **Total** | **211** | **-6** | **4** | **0** | **3** | **5** | **7** | **13** | **187** | **-24** |
| **NL** | St. John's | Centennial | 73 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 69 | -4 |
| **L of Perf** | **1** | **Total** | **73** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **1** | **3** | **69** | **-4** |
| **NS** | Halifax | Victoria | 157 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 143 | -14 |
| **L of Perf** | Sydney | Cape Breton | 85 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 85 | 0 |
| | **2** | **Total** | **242** | **0** | **1** | **2** | **1** | **6** | **7** | **5** | **228** | **-14** |
| **ON** | Barrie | Barrie | 1,068 | 0 | 15 | 2 | 2 | 35 | 3 | 1 | 1,048 | -20 |
| **L of Perf** | Chatham | Chatham | 132 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 122 | -10 |
| | Guelph | Royal City | 272 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 6 | 0 | 259 | -13 |
| | Hamilton | Murton | 1,123 | 0 | 24 | 0 | 4 | 24 | 3 | 3 | 1,121 | -2 |
| | Kingston | Kingston | 130 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 119 | -11 |
| | London | London | 830 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 2 | 0 | 797 | -33 |
| | Niagara Falls | Elgin | 328 | 0 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 11 | 2 | 321 | -7 |
| | North Bay | North Bay | 391 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 22 | 8 | 3 | 364 | -27 |
| | Ottawa | Ottawa | 226 | 0 | 11 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 229 | 3 |
| | Peterborough | Peterborough | 508 | 0 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 19 | 5 | 18 | 480 | -28 |
| | Sarnia | Sarnia | 140 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 131 | -9 |
| | Sault Ste Marie | Sault Ste Marie | 113 | -3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 109 | -4 |
| | Sudbury | Sudbury | 223 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 221 | -2 |
| | Thunder Bay | Superior | 128 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 124 | -4 |
| | Toronto | Toronto Grand | 1,298 | 0 | 29 | 1 | 0 | 33 | 4 | 2 | 1,289 | -9 |
| | Windsor | Windsor | 224 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 224 | 0 |
| | Woodstock | Woodstock | 257 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 245 | -12 |
| | **17** | **Total** | **7,391** | **-1** | **145** | **14** | **10** | **240** | **68** | **48** | **7,203** | **-188** |
| **PE** | Summerside | Albert Edward | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 44 | 0 |
| **L of Perf** | **1** | **Total** | **44** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **44** | **0** |
| **QC** | Montreal | Hochelaga | 168 | 0 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 181 | 13 |
| **L of Perf** | Montreal | Fleur de Lys | 110 | -1 | 15 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 121 | 11 |
| | Quebec | Quebec | 27 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 27 | 0 |
| | **3** | **Total** | **305** | **-1** | **31** | **4** | **3** | **5** | **4** | **4** | **329** | **24** |
| **SK** | Regina | Regina | 219 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 4 | 2 | 209 | -10 |
| **L of Perf** | Saskatoon | Saskatoon | 99 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 97 | -2 |
| | **2** | **Total** | **318** | **0** | **10** | **1** | **2** | **17** | **5** | **3** | **306** | **-12** |
| | **46** | **Grand Total** | **9,943** | **-6** | **232** | **30** | **26** | **312** | **130** | **113** | **9,670** | **-273** |

Membership ~ Annual Returns

## Chapter of Rose Croix

| Province | City | Name | 2022 | Discp | Admitted | Affiliated | Restored | Died | Left | Susp'd | 2023 | Chg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **AB** | Calgary | Delta | 127 | 0 | 8 | 36 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 154 | 27 |
| **Chap RC** | Edmonton | Mizpah | 268 | -7 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 10 | 15 | 231 | -37 |
| | Lethbridge | Chinook | 48 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 48 | 0 |
| | **3** | **Total** | **443** | **-7** | **11** | **36** | **1** | **18** | **12** | **21** | **433** | **-10** |
| **BC** | Castlegar/Nelson | Kokanee | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 19 | -4 |
| **Chap RC** | Langley | Fraser Valley | 77 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 76 | -1 |
| | Kamloops | Thompson | 52 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 54 | 2 |
| | Prince George | New Caledonia | 66 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 67 | 1 |
| | Vancouver | Vancouver | 131 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 131 | 0 |
| | Vernon | Moray | 104 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 99 | -5 |
| | Victoria | Victoria | 205 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 201 | -4 |
| | **7** | **Total** | **658** | **10** | **14** | **4** | **0** | **12** | **21** | **6** | **647** | **-11** |
| **MB** | Brandon | Brandon | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 0 |
| **Chap RC** | Winnipeg | Bethesda | 118 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 104 | -14 |
| | **2** | **Total** | **142** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **5** | **6** | **3** | **10** | **128** | **-14** |
| **NB** | Fredericton | King Solomon | 48 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 46 | -2 |
| **Chap RC** | Moncton | Britton | 71 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 62 | -9 |
| | Saint John | Harington Sovereign | 64 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 56 | -8 |
| | **3** | **Total** | **183** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **2** | **6** | **4** | **11** | **164** | **-19** |
| **NL** | St. John's | Macgillivray | 69 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 68 | -1 |
| **Chap RC** | **1** | **Total** | **69** | **0** | **2** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **1** | **2** | **68** | **-1** |
| **NS** | Halifax | Keith Sovereign | 152 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 140 | -12 |
| **Chap RC** | Sydney | Isle Royale | 77 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 77 | 0 |
| | **2** | **Total** | **229** | **0** | **4** | **1** | **0** | **6** | **6** | **5** | **217** | **-12** |
| **ON** | Barrie | Spry | 997 | 0 | 16 | 2 | 2 | 31 | 3 | 1 | 982 | -15 |
| **Chap RC** | Chatham | Kent | 120 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 110 | -10 |
| | Guelph | Guelph | 257 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 6 | 0 | 244 | -13 |
| | Hamilton | Hamilton Sovereign | 914 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 3 | 24 | 2 | 3 | 909 | -5 |
| | Kingston | Rose of Sharon | 109 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 109 | 0 |
| | London | London Sovereign | 880 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 2 | 0 | 846 | -34 |
| | Niagara Falls | Niagara | 275 | -1 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 11 | 1 | 260 | -15 |
| | North Bay | North Bay | 494 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 25 | 9 | 1 | 474 | -20 |
| | Ottawa | Murray | 205 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 203 | -2 |
| | Peterborough | Peterborough | 466 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 19 | 5 | 15 | 437 | -29 |
| | Sault Ste Marie | Sault Ste Marie | 106 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 109 | 3 |
| | Thunder Bay | Nanna Bijou | 122 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 122 | 0 |
| | Toronto | Toronto Sovereign | 1,079 | 0 | 21 | 1 | 0 | 33 | 4 | 2 | 1,062 | -17 |
| | Windsor | Windsor | 223 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 221 | -2 |
| | Woodstock | Centennial | 209 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 200 | -9 |
| | **15** | **Total** | **6,456** | **10** | **124** | **10** | **9** | **223** | **61** | **37** | **6,288** | **-168** |
| **PE** | Summerside | St. Lawrence | 38 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 38 | 0 |
| **Chap RC** | **1** | **Total** | **38** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **38** | **0** |
| **QC** | Montreal | Hochelaga Sov. | 115 | -15 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 107 | -8 |
| **Chap RC** | Montreal | Du Mont Real | 56 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 60 | 4 |
| | Quebec | Quebec | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 0 | 0 | -24 |
| | **3** | **Total** | **195** | **-8** | **11** | **3** | **3** | **6** | **27** | **4** | **167** | **-28** |
| **SK** | Regina | Regina | 206 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 195 | -11 |
| **Chap RC** | Saskatoon | Saskatoon | 95 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 93 | -2 |
| | **2** | **Total** | **301** | **-9** | **18** | **4** | **5** | **22** | **30** | **7** | **288** | **-13** |
| | **39** | **Grand Total** | **8,714** | **-4** | **184** | **58** | **25** | **299** | **165** | **103** | **8,438** | **-276** |

## Membership ~ Annual Returns

### Consistory

| Province | City | Name | 2022 | Discp | Admitted | Affiliated | Restored | Died | Left | Susp'd | 2023 | Chg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **AB** | Calgary | Southalta | 156 | -3 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 147 | -9 |
| **Consistory** | Edmonton | Alberta | 261 | 13 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 10 | 15 | 244 | -17 |
| | **2** | **Total** | **417** | **10** | **12** | **2** | **1** | **18** | **12** | **21** | **391** | **-26** |
| **BC** | Vancouver | British Columbia | 302 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 302 | 0 |
| **Consistory** | Vernon | Morning Star | 110 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 113 | 3 |
| | Victoria | Vancouver Island | 193 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 181 | -12 |
| | **2** | **Total** | **605** | **0** | **9** | **1** | **1** | **6** | **11** | **3** | **596** | **-9** |
| **MB** | Brandon | Brandon | 23 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 1 |
| **Consistory** | Winnipeg | Manitoba Sovereign | 118 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 104 | -14 |
| | **2** | **Total** | **141** | **0** | **1** | **0** | **5** | **6** | **3** | **10** | **128** | **-13** |
| **NB** | Saint John | NB Sovereign | 152 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 14 | 134 | -18 |
| **Consistory** | **1** | **Total** | **152** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **3** | **5** | **2** | **14** | **134** | **-18** |
| **NL** | St. John's | Nfld & Lab | 64 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 61 | -3 |
| **Consistory** | **1** | **Total** | **64** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **1** | **2** | **61** | **-3** |
| **NS/PE** | Halifax | NS Sovereign | 221 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 6 | 197 | -24 |
| **Consistory** | **1** | **Total** | **221** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **9** | **9** | **6** | **197** | **-24** |
| **ON** | Barrie | Barrie | 1,195 | 0 | 25 | 3 | 2 | 37 | 4 | 1 | 1,183 | -12 |
| **Consistory** | Hamilton | Moore Sovereign | 4,304 | 0 | 71 | 0 | 5 | 134 | 5 | 5 | 4,236 | -68 |
| | Ottawa | Ottawa | 287 | 30 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 314 | 27 |
| | Thunder Bay | North Star | 113 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 114 | 1 |
| | **4** | **Total** | **5,899** | **30** | **107** | **5** | **8** | **177** | **19** | **6** | **5,847** | **-52** |
| **QC** | Montreal | Montreal Sov. | 126 | 0 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 137 | 11 |
| **Consistory** | Montreal | Phénix | 46 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 58 | 12 |
| | **2** | **Total** | **172** | **6** | **24** | **3** | **3** | **6** | **3** | **4** | **195** | **23** |
| **SK** | Regina | Saskatchewan | 197 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 189 | -8 |
| **Consistory** | Saskatoon | Saskatoon | 93 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 91 | -2 |
| | **2** | **Total** | **290** | **0** | **7** | **1** | **2** | **15** | **3** | **2** | **280** | **-10** |
| | **17** | **Grand Total** | **7,961** | **46** | **160** | **12** | **23** | **242** | **63** | **68** | **7,829** | **-132** |

*Note: Calculations based on the most recent information provided by Valleys.*

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| | Sovereign Grand Commander | Lieutenant Grand Commander | Grand Chancellor | Grand Secretary-General | Grand Treasurer-General |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1874 | T. Douglas Harington | Robert Marshall | John V. Ellis | John W. Murton | Hugh A. MacKay |
| 1875 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1876 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1877 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1878 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1879 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1880 | " | William H. Hutton | William B. Simpson | " | " |
| 1881 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1882 | William H. Hutton | John V. Ellis | " | " | " |
| 1883 | " | " | Benjamin L. Peters | " | " |
| 1884 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1885 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1886 | John V. Ellis | John W. Murton | Daniel Sprey | Hugh Murray | " |
| 1887 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1888 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1889 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1890 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1891 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1892 | John W. Murton | Isaac H. Sterns | " | " | " |
| 1893 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1894 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1895 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1896 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1897 | John W. Murton | Isaac H. Sterns | Hon. John M. Gibson | Hugh Murray | Hugh A. McKay |
| 1898 | Isaac H. Stearns | Hon. John M. Gibson | William H. Thorne | " | " |
| 1899 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1900 | " | " | " | " | " |

| | Sovereign Grand Commander | Lieutenant Grand Commander | Grand Chancellor | Grand Secretary-General | Grand Treasurer-General |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1901 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1902 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1903 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1904 | Hon. John M. Gibson | William H. Thorne | Hugh Murray | William H. Ballard | " |
| 1905 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1906 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1907 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1908 | " | " | Benjamin Tooke | " | " |
| 1909 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1910 | " | " | Benjamin Allen | " | " |
| 1911 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1912 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1913 | Benjamin Allen | Benjamin Tooke | Daniel F. MacWatt | " | Elias T. Malone |
| 1914 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1915 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1916 | " | John Alex Cameron | " | " | " |
| 1917 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1918 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1919 | John Alex Cameron | Daniel F. MacWatt | Alex McDougall | " | " |
| 1920 | " | Hugh A. MacKay | " | " | " |
| 1921 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1922 | Sir John M. Gibson | Alfred F. Webster | " | " | " |
| 1923 | John Alex Cameron | " | " | " | " |
| 1924 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1925 | Alfred F. Webster | Fred J. Howell | A. B. Wood | " | " |
| 1926 | " | " | Alec F. C. Ross | " | Hugh A. MacKay |
| 1927 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1928 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1929 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1930 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1931 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1932 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1933 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1934 | William H. Wardrope | John A. Rowland | " | W. H. Davis | John A. Rowland |
| 1935 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1936 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1937 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1938 | " | " | " | " | Charles S. Hamilton |
| 1939 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1940 | John A. Rowland | Alec F. C. Ross | James H. Winfield | James A. Henderson | " |
| 1941 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1942 | Douglas C. McIlwraith | George H. Ross | " | " | " |
| 1943 | James H. Winfield (Hnr) | " | William J. Major | " | " |
| 1943 | Douglas C. McIlwraith | George H. Ross | William J. Major | James A. Henderson | Charles S. Hamilton |
| 1944 | " | " | " | Stuart H. Lees | " |
| 1945 | " | George H. Ross | " | " | " |
| 1946 | " | " | O. E. Stanton | " | " |
| 1947 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1948 | George H. Ross | Douglas Fraser | " | " | " |
| 1949 | " | " | Arthur Cross | " | " |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1950 | Douglas Fraser | Stuart H. Lees | " | Ernest B. Thompson | " |
| 1951 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1952 | Stuart H. Lees (Hnr) | Thomas K. Wade | " | " | " |
| 1952 | Clarence. M. Pitts | " | " | " | " |
| 1953 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1954 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1955 | Thomas K. Wade | James A. Simpson | " | " | " |
| 1956 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1957 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1958 | James A. Simpson | R. Coulton Berkinshaw | " | " | " |
| 1959 | " | " | " | Charles H. Cunningham | " |
| 1960 | " | " | " | " | John l. Rumball |
| 1961 | R. Coulton Berkinshaw | Howard B. Moore | James Mc. L. Marshall | " | " |
| 1962 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1963 | " | " | " | " | Thomas K. Wade |
| 1964 | George C. Derby | Charles H. Cunningham | " | Wilbert G. Welby | " |
| 1965 | " | " | " | " | Donald M. Fleming |
| 1966 | " | " | " | " | " |
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| 1969 | Donald L. Witter (Act) | " | " | " | " |
| 1970 | Howard B. Moore (Hnr) | " | " | " | " |
| 1970 | Donald L. Witter | Harvey R. Doane | " | " | " |
| 1971 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1972 | " | " | J. Palmer Kent | " | " |
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| 1974 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1975 | " | " | " | " | " |
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| 1978 | " | " | " | John V. Lawer | " |
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| 1996 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1997 | Glenn M. Martin | Norman E. Byrne | Donald W. Dixon | " | H. Edward Standish |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1998 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 1999 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 2000 | Norman E. Byrne | Orlan J. Weber | " | Donald D. Thornton | " |
| 2001 | " | " | " | " | " |
| 2002 | " | " | Allard B. Loopstra | " | " |
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| 2004 | “ | “ | “ | “ | “ |
| 2005 | “ | “ | “ | “ | “ |
| 2006 | C. Robert Townshend | Matthew F. Todd | “ | “ | “ |
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| 2008 | “ | “ | “ | “ | “ |
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| 2011 | “ | “ | “ | “ | “ |
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| 2017 | “ | “ | “ | “ | “ |
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| 2023 | “ | “ | “ | “ | “ |
| 2024 | “ | “ | “ | “ | “ |

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Thursday, September 12, 2024

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The Bitter Cup ..... Ronald J. Taylor
Ducal Coronet ..... William A. Davis
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Inquiry as to Religion ..... Graham A. Fraser
Q – What is your religion? ..... Owen T. Devereaux, N. Kent Clarke,
..... Joel F. MacDonald, W. Harold Welke
Obligation ..... David A. Bennett
Banner of the Order ..... Allan L. Long
Flag of the Country ..... Alan J. Stoddart
Investing with Coronet ..... D. Brent Julian
Presentation of Sword, etc. ..... Gareth R. Taylor
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Proclamation ..... Paul E. Frank
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## General Comments on the 2024 Annual Session

The 150th Annual Session and the 150th Anniversary Celebration of Supreme Council was held in Ottawa, Ontario, the birthplace of our Supreme Council in 1874, from September 11-14, 2024, with 484 in attendance. Based on the comments of the registrants and feedback from the Membership survey following the Session, it was an extremely successful endeavor. General Chairman John Lark and the entire Ottawa organizing team are to be congratulated on a job well done. In addition, the prominent level of co-operation exhibited by the management and staff of the Westin-Ottawa was appreciated. Also mention needs to be made of the outstanding effort and energy of Steven Warren, COO, Leslie Drake, Office & Finance Administrator, and Barb Lee, Office Administrator in the planning and execution of the Annual Session and the 150th Anniversary from the Supreme Council standpoint. Congratulations also goes to the 150th Planning Committee for a job well done.

All meetings were conducted efficiently and on time. The large numbers of HIG's present at the Executive Sessions was evidence of the interest in witnessing the decision-making process of Supreme Council. For the first time the HIG's were invited to an HIG Panel discussion on the Thursday led by Ill. Bros. Evan Woodhead, Milan Cobanov and Scott Rowe, which was well attended (100) participants and well received.

The Wednesday Get Acquainted evening inside the Westin Hotel included a dance with DJ David Beal which allowed everyone the opportunity to renew friendships in a lively dance atmosphere. It was well attended and well organized. Also Ill. Bros. Robert Keay, Frank Groves, Bryan Lawson and their ladies attended dressed in 1874 period costume. Great, opportunity for photographs.

On Thursday, the delegation attended Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa for the Vesper Service. Christ Church founded in 1872 proved to be a wonderful historic venue on a warm sunny day, and we thank the Christ Church congregation and the Very Reverend Beth Bretzlaff, for their warm welcome and hospitality. Grand Prior, Dr. Gordon R. Maitland, delivered a most interesting sermon, "Our Service to the Nation and to God."

In the afternoon, the conferral of the 33rd degree was conducted on 53 candidates. The representative candidate, Glen A. Simpson, was from the Valley of Ottawa. The degree was conferred in an exemplary manner, directed by Steven Warren, and was well received by the candidates.

The SRCF, celebrating 60 years, Banquet featured a most entertaining presentation by Roy MacGregor. The banquet and programme were conducted in a timely manner and Roy's address was extremely well received. The 60th Anniversary of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Banquet featured the introduction of the 150th Anniversary Class of 2024 by our COO, Ill. Bro. Steven Warren. Speaking on behalf of the Class Ill. Bro. Neil McIsaac, 33°. His remarks were well received.

The Ladies Hospitality Suite and the Friday Ladies Programme all were well organized by Mrs. Diane Arbuckle and enjoyed by the ladies in attendance. The ladies paid a visit to the National Gallery after their breakfast programme.

Following the Roll Call of Actives and Past Active members on Friday morning, the special guests were introduced and welcomed by the SGC. They included;

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, M.W. Bro. Jamie Ireland;

His Worship Mr. Mark Sutcliffe, Mayor of the City of Ottawa;

Ill. Bros. James Cole,33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, Alan Adkins, 33°, Grand Cross and SGIG in Virginia, and Terry Bowman, 33°, SGIG Kentucky, Southern Jurisdiction;

Ill. Bros. Walter Wheeler,33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, Tom Sturgeon,33°, Grand Chancellor, Richard Powell, 33°, SGIG New York and Grand Representative for SC Canada near SC MNJ;

M.P. Bro. John Boyington, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander England & Wales, and M. Ill. Bro. Giles Shilson, 33°, Grand Secretary-General;

M.P Charles Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of Scotland, V. P. Bro. Ewan Rutherford, 33°, LGC and Deputy Grand Master and Governor of the Royal Order of Scotland, and M. Ill. Bro. Alexander Galbraith, 33°, Grand Secretary-General;

Concordant Bodies: Most Eminent Knight Clive Stephenson, 33°, Supreme Grand Master, Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, M. Ill Knight Companion Dennis O'Leary, 33°, Grand Sovereign, Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada, M. Excellent Companion George Fairbairn, 33°, Grand First Principal of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Right Worshipful Bro. Steven Warren, 33°, Provincial Grand Master for Ontario, Royal Order of Scotland;

Representatives from the local Scottish Rite Bodies in Ottawa, Ill. Bros. Wayne Parker, 33°, Leo Benoit, 32°, Jean-Francois Legault, 33°.

After the introduction a video production of an "1874 Re-enactment of our 1st Supreme Council Session" in Ottawa 1874 and "Thoughts from our Current and Past Sovereign Grand Commander" was shown. At the conclusion of the videos period costume actors were introduced in Ill. Bros. Robert Keay,33°, (Harington), Frank Groves,33°, (Col. Moore) and Bryan Lawson, 33°, (Murton). This was followed by the roll call of Grand Representatives, followed by the unveiling of the 150th Anniversary Painting by Jack Lockart, followed by an address from M.P. Bro. John Boyington,33°, SGC England & Wales.

This was followed by the Allocution of our SGC.

The remainder of the Friday afternoon was free time to enjoy the sights of Ottawa.

The Sovereign Grand Commander's Banquet paraded in with the R.C.M.P. Pipes & Drums. After the Tributes to the Ladies and Visitors we were entertained with two sets by Tenor John McDermott and his Band which was well received by the audience with a resounding applause. Ill. Bro. Owen Devereaux, 33°, proposed a toast to the host Valley, which was responded to by Ill. Bro. John Lark, 33°, General Chairman. The SGC recognized the efforts of the 150th Planning Committee and showcased the Memorial 150th Painting by Jack Lockart.

In Executive Session on Saturday morning, Ill. Bros. David Boyd, Valley of Barrie, and Adrian Cretu, Valley of Montreal, were Crowned as Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General and Active Members of this Supreme Council.

In General Session Ill. Bros. Douglas Sowden, George Contaxakis, and Douglas Mitchell, John Ross Matheson Recipients, were invited to sit in the East.

Ill. Bro. Brian Gilkinson,33°, presented Part II of the Report from the Jurisprudence and Legislation Committee. Ill. Bro. Gareth Taylor, 33°, presented the SRCF's President's Report.

Ill. Bros. Jacques Ruelland, 33°, and John Harrison, 33°, retired to Past Active status.

A Ceremony of Investiture of Officers was conducted by Ill. Bro. Matthew Todd, 33°, PSGC, on Ill. Bros. Fayez Oustwani, Deputy for Quebec and Kent Clarke, Grand Standard Bearer.

Following the SGC's closing remarks, the Travelling Gavel was presented to Ill. Bro. Lou Domjan, 33°, Valley of Hamilton, by Ill. Bro. John Lark, 33°, Valley of Ottawa. The Session concluded with the Chain of Union.

The Host Valley organized a very lively and interesting tour of the Museum of Civilization followed by a social dinner at the Westin Ottawa. A great afternoon enjoyed by those who participated.